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Clemson Man Arrested In Internet Predator Sting

Columbia, S.C. – Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Karim Gulamhusein, 41, 202 Edgewood Avenue, Apt. #1, in Clemson, was arrested on June 9, 2006, in an undercover sting conducted by the City of Westminster Police Department.

The Westminster Police Department is a partner in the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

Gulamhusein was arrested on charges of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (§ 16-15-342), a felony offense punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment and Attempted Criminal Sexual Conduct With a Minor (§ 16-3-655(B)), a felony offense punishable to twenty (20) years imprisonment.

Arrest warrants allege that Gulamhusein began soliciting sex on April 21, 2006, from a person he believed to be a thirteen (13) year old girl. In reality, he was seeking sex from a Westminster Police Officer. Gulamhusein further arranged to meet the "girl" for sex at an arranged location in Westminster on June 9. He was arrested upon his arrival at that location.

Search warrants were executed at both Gulamhusein's residence and at Clemson University, where Gulamhusein is a graduate assistant. Items seized in the searches include computers and computer related equipment.

Gulamhusein is a citizen of Canada, and a native of Uganda.

A bond hearing was held on Saturday, June 10, at the Oconee County Detention Center. Gulamhusein was denied bond, and remains in custody at the Oconee County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.

McMaster stressed that all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.

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