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North Carolina Man Arrested In Internet Predator Sting

Columbia - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Kevin Dale Vance, 35, of 61 Spring Street, in Marion, North Carolina, was arrested on September 29, 2006, in an undercover Internet sting conducted by the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office.

The Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office is a partner in the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

Vance was arrested on one (1) count of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (§ 16-15-342), a felony offense punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment and one (1) count of Attempted Criminal Sexual Conduct With a Minor (§ 16-3-655(B)), a felony offense punishable to twenty (20) years imprisonment.

Arrest warrants allege that Vance began soliciting sex on August 29, 2006, from a person he believed to be a thirteen (13) year old girl. In reality, he was seeking sex from an undercover Spartanburg County Sheriff's Deputy. Vance further arranged to meet the "girl" for sex at a predetermined location in Aiken County. He was arrested upon his arrival at that location on September 29.

A search warrant executed at Vance's home by the N.C. Bureau of Investigation and the Marion, N.C. Police Department resulted in the seizure of a computer and computer related equipment.

At a bond hearing held at the Spartanburg County Detention Center, Vance was assigned a \$75,000 bond. Vance also signed a waiver of extradition.

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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