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Spartanburg Sheriff Arrests Columbia Man In Internet Sex Predator Sting

Columbia, S.C. – Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that James William Hulan, 31, of 840 Sparkleberry Lane in Columbia, was arrested on July 11, 2006, in an undercover Internet predator 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.

Hulan 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 Hulan began soliciting sex on June 24, 2006, from a person he believed to be a fourteen (14) year old girl. In reality, he was seeking sex from a Spartanburg County Sheriff's Deputy. Hulan further arranged to meet the "girl" for sex at a predetermined location in Spartanburg on July 11. He was arrested upon his arrival at that location.

A search warrant was executed early this morning at Hulan's residence by the Richland County Sheriff's Department, and resulted in the seizure of two (2) laptop computers.

A 2:30 p.m. bond hearing is set for today at the Spartanburg 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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