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Spartanburg Man Wanted In Online Predator Case

ICAC Task Force Team Members Tracking 11th Predator

Columbia, S.C. – Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that David Charles Brown, 55, of 237 New Cut Road in Spartanburg, is wanted for Criminal Solicitation of a Minor, a felony violation of §16-15-342, punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment. Brown has been on the run for six (6) days, and is believed to still be in the Greenville/Spartanburg area.

According to an arrest warrant issued January 27, 2006, Brown is accused of soliciting sexual contact using the Internet from an individual he believed to be a fourteen (14) year old girl. In reality, he was soliciting sex from an undercover investigator of the Westminster Police Department, a member of the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

A search warrant executed at Brown's home on January 27, 2006, resulted in the seizure of computer equipment, numerous videotapes, and various other items.

The Spartanburg County Sheriff's Department and the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED), also members of the Attorney General's ICAC Task Force, are assisting in the effort to locate Brown and deliver him to Oconee County. The Attorney General's Office will prosecute the case.

Brown was last seen at the Quality Inn located at South Pleasantburg Drive and Interstate 85 in Greenville. Brown is believed to be driving a white late 90s model Dodge Intrepid with one (1) functioning headlight. The vehicle is believed to have either a temporary license tag or a license tag missing entirely.

If anyone should have information as to the whereabouts of David Charles Brown, please contact the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Department at (864) 596-2540 or the Westminster Police Department at (864) 647-3222. Tips may also be submitted anonymously to Crimestoppers at (864)-23-CRIME (27463).

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

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