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Summerville Man Arrested in Internet Predator Sting

Columbia, S.C. – Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Rodney Dean Goettsch, 38, of 405 Black Oak Boulevard in Summerville, was arrested on September 20, 2006, by the City of Charleston Police Department. Goettsch is charged with two (2) counts of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor, a felony offense punishable to ten (10) years for each count.

The City of Charleston Police Department is a partner in the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. This is the department's seventh arrest since joining the task force.

According to arrest warrants, Goettsch began soliciting sex from a person he believed to be a thirteen (13) year old girl on July 17, 2006. In reality, he was soliciting sex from an undercover officer of the Charleston Police Department.

Goettsch was online with the undercover officer this morning, using a computer at his place of employment, when officers entered the business with a search warrant and arrested him.

A bond hearing for Goettsch is scheduled for tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. at the Charleston County Detention Center.

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

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