



NEWS RELEASE

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL HENRY MCMASTER
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

For Immediate Release
August 14, 2009

Contact: Mark Plowden
803-734-3670
mplowden@ag.state.sc.us

Manning Man Arrested in Internet Predator Sting

Columbia - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Donald Crawford Bailey, 39, of 1321 W. R. Simpson Road in Manning, South Carolina, was arrested on August 12, 2009, in an undercover Internet sting conducted by the Attorney General's Office.

The Attorney General directs the state's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

Bailey was arrested on one (1) count of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (§16-15-342), a felony offense punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment.

An arrest warrant alleges that beginning on June 18, 2009, Bailey solicited sex on the Internet from an individual he believed to be a thirteen (13) year old girl. In reality, he was communicating with an undercover investigator for the Attorney General's Office.

A search warrant was executed on Bailey's residence, and two laptop computers were seized. The Clarendon County Sheriff's Office assisted with the case.

Bailey was assigned a \$25,000 bond. A booking photo is available through the Clarendon County Detention Center.

This is the one hundred sixty-seventh (167th) arrest for the Task Force.

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.

###