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Sumter Sheriff Arrest Virginia Man in Internet Predator Sting

Columbia - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Nathanel C. Smith, 21, of 1713 Tree Duck Court in Chesapeake, Virginia, was arrested on May 15, 2009, in an undercover Internet sting conducted by the Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

The Sumter County Sheriff's Office is a member of the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

Smith was arrested on one (1) count of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (§16-15-342), a felony offense punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment; one count of Dissemination of Obscene Material to a Minor (§16-15-345), a felony offense punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment.

Arrest warrants allege that beginning on July 29, 2008, Smith 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 Sumter Sheriff's Deputy.

The officer posted the above warrants on NCIS, and U.S. Customs officials arrested Smith when he attempted to re-enter the country at the Atlanta airport. Smith waived extradition and was transported to Sumter County.

Smith was assigned a \$50,000 bond. [A booking photo is available through the Sumter Lee Regional Detention Center.](#)

This is the one hundred fifty-seventh (157th) 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.

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