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## **N.C. Man Arrested in Joint Internet Predator Sting**

**Columbia** - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that James William Shaw, 47, of 109 Rose Street in Mount Holly, North Carolina, was arrested on June 23, 2010, in an undercover Internet sting conducted by the City of Charleston Police Department, the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety, and the Attorney General's Office.

The three (3) offices are part of the state's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

Shaw was arrested on eight (8) counts of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (§16-15-342), a felony offense punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment, and eight (8) counts of Dissemination of Obscene Material to a Minor (§16-15-345), a felony offense punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment.

Additional indictments will be presented by the Attorney General's Office.

Arrest warrants allege that beginning on May 1, 2009, Shaw solicited sex on the Internet from an individual he believed to be a minor girl. In reality, he was communicating with undercover investigators for the Attorney General's Office, the City of Charleston Police Department, and the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety.

A search warrant was executed on Shaw's residence, and one (1) desktop computer, one (1) webcam, one (1) Blackberry, and various other computer-related devices were seized. The Gaston County Police Department and the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation assisted with the case.

Shaw has been denied bond pending extradition. [A booking photo is available through the Gaston County Police Department.](#)

This is the one hundred ninety-second (192<sup>nd</sup>) 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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