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Richland County Sheriff Arrests Myrtle Beach Man In Internet Predator Sting

Columbia - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that James Randall Vereen, 41, of 304 2nd Avenue North, Apt. 2, in Myrtle Beach, was arrested on June 15, 2010, in an undercover Internet sting conducted by the Richland County Sheriff's Office.

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

Vereen was arrested on two (2) counts of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (§ 16-15-342), a felony offense punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment on each count.

Arrest warrants allege that beginning May 31, 2010, Vereen began soliciting sex in online "chats" with a person he believed to be a minor child. In reality, he was communicating with an undercover Richland County Sheriff's Deputy. Vereen was arrested at his residence without incident.

Vereen's roommate consented to a search of the residence, which resulted in the seizure of a laptop computer.

The Myrtle Beach Police Department, the Horry County Sheriff's Department, and the Pickens County Sheriff's Department – all members of the Task Force – assisted in the case.

Vereen is awaiting a bond hearing. [A booking photo is available through the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center.](#)

This is the one hundred ninety-first (191st) arrest since the Internet Predator law was passed in April 2004.

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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