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## **Hartsville Police Arrest N.C. Man in Internet Predator Sting**

**Columbia** - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Timothy Michael Farris, 20, of 7910 Hillanby Court in Waxhaw, North Carolina, was arrested on August 1, 2008, in an undercover Internet sting conducted by the City of Hartsville Police Department.

The Hartsville Police Department is a member of the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

Farris was arrested on three (3) 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 on May 14, 2008, Farris 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 Hartsville Police Officer.

The Union County (N.C.) Sheriff's Office assisted with the arrest and in executing a search warrant, which resulted in the seizure of two (2) desktop computers and computer-related items.

Farris was assigned a \$5,000 bond. [A booking photo is available through the Darlington County Detention Center.](#)

This is the one hundred thirty-fourth (134<sup>th</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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