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## **Greenville Police Arrest Local Man in Internet Predator Sting**

**Columbia** - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Julian David Tarleton, 48, of 335 Pimlico Road in Greenville, was arrested on May 14, 2009, in an undercover Internet sting conducted by the City of Greenville Police Department.

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

Tarleton was arrested on one (1) count of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (§16-15-342), a felony offense punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment, and one (1) count of Attempted Criminal Sexual conduct with a Minor (§16-3-655), a felony offense punishable to twenty (20) years imprisonment.

Arrest warrants allege that beginning on May 11, 2009, Tarleton 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 Greenville Police officer. Tarleton further arranged to meet the "girl" for sex at a predetermined location in Greenville. He was arrested upon his arrival at that location the same day.

Search warrants were executed at Tarleton's home and place of business, and resulted in the seizure of three (3) computer and computer-related items.

[A booking photo is available through the Greenville Detention Center.](#)

This is the one hundred fifty-fifth (155<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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