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Laurens Sheriff Arrests Westminster Man in Internet Predator Sting

Columbia - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Danny Wayne Long, 41, of 111 Thornhill Court in Westminster, South Carolina, was arrested on August 27, 2009, in an Internet Predator sting conducted by the Laurens County Sheriff's Office.

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

Long 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 (§16-15-342), a felony punishable to twenty (20) years imprisonment.

Arrest warrants allege that beginning on August 26, 2009, Long solicited sex on the Internet from an individual he believed to be a thirteen (13) year old girl. In reality, he was soliciting sex from an undercover Laurens Sheriff's Deputy. Long further arranged to meet the "girl" for sex and a predetermined location in Laurens County. He was arrested upon his arrival at that location the next day.

A booking photo is available through the Laurens County Detention Center.

A search warrant executed on Long's residence and place of employment resulted in the seizure of multiple computers and computer-related items. The Oconee County Sheriff's Department and the City of Clinton Department of Public Safety (also Task Force members) assisted in the case.

This is the one hundred seventieth (170th) 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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