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## **Clinton Police Arrest Abbeville County Man In Internet Predator Sting**

**Columbia** - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Jonathon Thomas Lovvorn, 24, of 1073 Winn Road in Donalds, South Carolina, was arrested on March 4, 2007, in an undercover Internet sting conducted by the Clinton Department of Public Safety.

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

Lovvorn 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(B)), a felony offense punishable to twenty (20) years imprisonment.

Arrest warrants allege that Lovvorn began online "chats" on February 25, 2007, with a person he believed to be a thirteen (13) year old girl. In reality, he was communicating with an undercover Clinton police officer. Lovvorn further arranged to meet the "girl" for sex at a predetermined location in Clinton. He was arrested upon his arrival at that location.

A search warrant was executed at Lovvorn's residence on March 4, 2007, and resulted in the seizure of a computer and computer-related items. The Abbeville County Sheriff's Department assisted with the search.

Lovvorn was assigned a \$20,000 bond at a hearing held this morning. A booking photo is available through the Clinton Department of Public Safety.

This is the sixty-fourth (64<sup>th</sup>) 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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