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Oconee Sheriff Arrests Local Man in Internet Predator Sting

Columbia - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Randy Joe Seitz, 51, of 107 Wildwood Trail in Tamassee, was arrested on October 2, 2007, in an undercover Internet sting conducted by the Oconee County Sheriff's Office.

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

Seitz was arrested on one (1) count of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (§ 16-15-342), a felony offense punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment.

The arrest warrant alleges that beginning on April 29, 2007, Smith solicited sex on the Internet from an individual he believed to be a thirteen (13) year old girl. In reality, he was communicating with undercover Oconee County Sheriff's Deputies.

No bond has yet been set for Seitz.

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

This is the ninety-fourth (94th) 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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