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Spartanburg Sheriff Arrests Anderson Man in Internet Predator Sting

Columbia - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Zachary Finger, 27, of 131 Wexford Drive, Apt. 203, in Anderson, was arrested on February 19, 2007, in an undercover Internet sting conducted by the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office.

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

Finger was arrested on **two (2) 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 Finger used a computer webcam to solicit sex and demonstrate sex acts on the Internet with an individual he believed to be a thirteen (13) year old girl. In reality, he was communicating with an undercover Spartanburg County Sheriff's Deputy. The online sex acts allegedly began on November 12, 2006.

Search warrants were executed at Finger's residence and his parents' residence on February 19, and resulted in the seizure of two (2) computers, and other computer-related media.

The Anderson County Sheriff's Office and the Anderson City Police Department assisted in the arrest and searches. Both are members of the ICAC Task Force.

A bond hearing is scheduled for this afternoon at the Spartanburg County Detention Center. A booking photo is available through the Spartanburg County Detention Center.

This is the sixtieth (60th) 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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