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## **Oconee County Sheriff Arrests Townville Man in Internet Predator Sting**

**Columbia** - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Jordan Robert Hicks, 22, of 1300 Double Springs Road in Townville, was arrested on July 11, 2008, 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.

Hicks 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 July 11, 2008, Hicks 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 Oconee County Sheriff's Deputy. Hicks further arranged to meet the "girl" for sex at a predetermined location in the county. He was arrested upon his arrival at that location.

The Anderson County Sheriff's Office (also a member of the Task Force) assisted with the arrest and in executing a search warrant, which resulted in the seizure of two (2) computers.

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

This is the one hundred thirtieth (130<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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