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Mauldin Police Arrest Lexington Man in Internet Predator Sting

Columbia - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Marc Murphy, 49, of 124 Baskin Hills Road in Lexington, South Carolina, was arrested on September 22, 2009, in an Internet Predator sting conducted by the City of Mauldin Police Department.

The City of Mauldin Police Department is a member of the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

Murphy 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 beginning on July 29, 2009, Murphy 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 Mauldin Police officer.

Murphy was assigned a bond of \$2,000. [A booking photo is available through the Greenville County Detention Center.](#)

A search warrant executed on Murphy's residence resulted in the seizure of twelve (12) laptop computers, four (4) desktop computers, two (2) servers, thirty-two (32) hard drives, and other computer-related items. The Town of Lexington Police Department (also a Task Force member) assisted in the case.

This is the one hundred seventy-third (173rd) 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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