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Orangeburg Police Arrest Oconee County Man in Internet Predator Sting

Columbia - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that James Elliott Brown, 57, of 1004 E. Fairplay Boulevard in Fairplay, South Carolina, was arrested on September 30, 2009, in an undercover Internet sting conducted by the City of Orangeburg Department of Public Safety.

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

Brown 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 March 29, 2009, Brown 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 Orangeburg Police officer.

A search warrant was executed on Brown's residence, and two (2) computers were seized. The Oconee County Sheriff's Office assisted with the case.

Brown was assigned a \$5,000 bond. [A booking photo is available through the Orangeburg-Calhoun Regional Detention Center.](#)

This is the one hundred seventy-fifth (175th) 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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