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Aiken Sheriff Arrests Charlotte Man in Internet Predator Case

Suspect Accused of Sexual Activity with 12 Year Old Girl

Columbia - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Sampson Nimmo, 25, of 2420 Belvedere Avenue in Charlotte, N.C., was arrested on June 5, 2009, in an Internet Predator investigation conducted by the Aiken County Sheriff's Office.

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

Nimmo was arrested on one (1) count of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (§16-15-342), a felony offense punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment; one (1) count of Attempted Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor (§16-3-655), a felony offense punishable to twenty (20) years imprisonment; and one (1) count of Committing a Lewd Act on a Minor (§ 16-15-140), a felony offense punishable to fifteen (15) years imprisonment.

Arrest warrants allege that beginning on or about May 2009, the twelve (12) year old victim's mother discovered that her daughter was "chatting" online with Nimmo, and that the two had met in person on at least three (3) occasions. Deputies referred the family to the local Child Advocacy Center, where the victim described one of the meetings with Nimmo and his attempt to engage her in sexual intercourse.

In a subsequent interview with deputies, the victim explained that she had discussed sexual intercourse with Nimmo in chats using the Internet. Using the victim's screen name, deputies agreed to meet Nimmo at a predetermined location on the night of June 5, 2009. Nimmo was arrested upon his arrival at that location.

Nimmo was assigned an \$85,000 bond. [A booking photo is available through the Aiken County Detention Center.](#)

This is the one hundred sixty-first (161st) 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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