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Hartsville Police Arrest Mt. Pleasant Man in Internet Predator Sting

Columbia - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Andrew Martin Keery, 23, of 633 Palmetto Street in Mt. Pleasant, was arrested on May 28, 2009, in an undercover Internet sting conducted by the City of Hartsville Police Department.

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

Keery 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 April 27, 2009, Keery 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 Hartsville Police officer.

The City of Mount Pleasant Police Department, also a member of the Task Force, assisted with the case and executed a search warrant on Keery's residence. The search resulted in the seizure of a laptop computer and a Playstation 3 console.

A bond hearing is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. today. [A booking photo is available through the Darlington County Detention Center.](#)

This is the one hundred fifty-eighth (158th) 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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