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Manning Man Arrested in Internet Predator Sting

Columbia - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that William Mathis Ardis, 27, of 4812 June Burn Road in Manning, South Carolina, was arrested on March 11, 2010, in an undercover Internet sting conducted by the Attorney General's Office.

The Attorney General directs the state's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

Ardis 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 Dissemination of Obscene Material to a Minor (§16-15-345), a felony offense punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment.

Arrest warrants allege that beginning on January 6, 2010, Ardis solicited sex on the Internet from an individual he believed to be a minor girl. In reality, he was communicating with an undercover investigator for the Attorney General's Office.

A search warrant was executed on Ardis' residence, and one (1) laptop computer, one (1) floppy disc, and one (1) flashdrive were seized. The Clarendon County Sheriff's Office and the City of Orangeburg Department of Public Safety (also members of the Task Force) assisted with the case.

Ardis' bond is pending. [A booking photo is available through the Clarendon County Detention Center.](#)

This is the one hundred eighty-eighth (188th) 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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