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## **Berkeley Sheriffs' Office Arrests N.C. Man for Criminal Solicitation of a Minor**

**Columbia** - Attorney General Alan Wilson announced today that James William Shaw, Jr., 48, of 109 Rose Street in Mt. Holly, NC, was arrested on March 10, 2011 by the Berkeley County Sheriffs' Office with assistance from the Charleston Police Department. Both agencies are part of the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

At the time of Shaw's arrest, he was being held at the Orangeburg-Calhoun Regional Detention Center on similar charges.

Arrest warrants allege Shaw engaged in online conversations of a sexual nature; sent graphic sexual images to a person he believed to be a minor, who was actually an undercover officer with the Charleston Police Department; and that he solicited and coached the person thought to be a minor through various lewd acts that were sexual in nature.

Shaw was arrested on six (6) counts of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (§16-15-342), a felony offense punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment and six (6) counts of Dissemination of Obscene Material to a Minor (§16-15-345), a felony offense punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment.

Last year, Shaw was arrested by the Orangeburg County Sheriffs' Office on eight (8) counts of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor and eight (8) counts of Dissemination of Obscene Material to a Minor.

A booking photo is available through both the Berkeley County (Hill-Finklea) Detention Center and the Orangeburg-Calhoun Regional Detention Center.

Both cases against Shaw will be prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.

Wilson stressed that all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.