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COLUMBIA MAN CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) announces the arrest of a Columbia man accused of trying to sexually solicit a minor.

Mark Cyril Mann, 20, of 404 Castle Ridge Drive, Columbia, S.C. is charged with **Criminal Solicitation of a Minor** and **Disseminating Harmful Material or Exhibiting Harmful Performance to a Minor** as part of the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC).

According to arrest warrants, Mann communicated over the internet with a person he believed was a 12-year-old girl for the purpose of or with the intent of persuading, inducing, enticing or coercing the person to engage or participate in sexual activity.

This crime allegedly happened between December 2008 and February 2009 while at 404 Castle Ridge Drive in Columbia, S.C.

Instead, Mann was communicating with an undercover SLED agent.

Furthermore, Mann is accused of allowing the same person, whom he also believed was a 12-year-old girl, watch a live, sexual performance of himself on February 3, 2009 at the above address.

Criminal Solicitation of a Minor is a felony offense punishable up to ten (10) years in prison.

Disseminating Harmful Material or Exhibiting Harmful Performance to a Minor is a felony offense punishable up to ten (10) years in prison.

This is the 232nd Criminal Solicitation/Sexual Exploitation case investigated by the SC Computer Crimes Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the SC Attorney General's Office.

The Richland County Sheriff's Department assisted with this investigation.

For a booking photograph of Mann, contact the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center or log on to www.richlandonline.com, scroll down to "Online Services," and click on "Inmate Inquiry."