21-5509. **Electronic solicitation.** (a) Electronic solicitation is, by means of communication conducted through the telephone, internet or by other electronic means, enticing or soliciting a person, whom the offender believes to be a child, to commit or submit to an unlawful sexual act.

(b) Electronic solicitation is a:

(1) Severity level 3, person felony if the offender believes the person to be a child 14 or more years of age but less than 16 years of age; and

(2) severity level 1, person felony if the offender believes the person to be a child under 14 years of age.

(c) As used in this section, "communication conducted through the internet or by other electronic means" includes, but is not limited to, e-mail, chatroom chats and text messaging.

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