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**KIHEI MAUI MAN ARRESTED FOR ELECTRONIC ENTICEMENT OF A CHILD**

HONOLULU-Attorney General Mark Bennett and Honolulu Police Department Chief of Police Boisse Correa announced that on June 30, 2007 law enforcement agents of the Hawaii Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (HICACTF), including the Department of the Attorney General, the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), Maui Police Department (MPD), and the Naval Criminal Investigative Services, arrested a forty-six-year-old Kihei Maui man, Earnest Luther Roberts, for the offense of Electronic Enticement of a Child in the First Degree. Mr. Roberts appeared for his arraignment in District Court today and Bail was set at \$50,000.00. The arrest was the result of ongoing HICACTF investigation efforts to intercept Internet solicitations of children for sexual activity.

In this particular case, the suspect is alleged to have asked an HPD detective, whom he thought was a 13-year-old girl, to meet him at a designated meeting place in Honolulu, where he would pick her up and take her elsewhere to have sex. He was arrested by police detectives shortly after he arrived at the designated meeting place.

Because of the serious nature of this offense that targets children as victims, the HPD and Attorney General ask parents and young people to be mindful of the potential for abuse of the Internet. To aid parents and young people in recognizing the dangers of the Internet and to help them take protective measures, HICACTF has created a web site at [www.hicac.com](http://www.hicac.com). The web site contains Internet safety tips and provides information on how to report any suspected illegal Internet activity that targets children.

Anyone having information concerning possible Internet crimes against children should call investigators at 808 586-1240.

An arrest is merely an accusation and the arrestee is presumed innocent until and unless he is proven guilty.

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