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**Honolulu Man Found Guilty of Electronic Enticement of a Child**

HONOLULU – Ivan Yuichi Sakata, also known as “hawaiikai\_boy01”, has been found guilty by a Honolulu jury of Electronic Enticement of a Child in the First Degree.

Sakata, 23, used the Internet to solicit a law enforcement agent whom he believed to be a 13-year-old girl. In an online “chat”, Sakata indicated that he wanted to engage in sexual conduct with the girl at his apartment. He arranged to meet her at Starbucks at Kahala Mall on May 15, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of sex. He was arrested outside Starbucks when he showed up for the meeting.

Sakata faces a maximum sentence of ten years in prison and, under a new sentencing law passed in July 2006, a minimum sentence of five years probation with a one-year prison term as a condition of probation. He must also register as a sex offender.

Sentencing is set for April 14, 2008 before the Honorable Steven S. Alm. Bail remains at \$25,000 pending sentencing.

The investigation of Sakata involved law enforcement agents of the Hawaii Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, including the Department of the Attorney General and the Honolulu Police Department.

This is the third case to go before a Hawaii jury under the new sentencing law for the offense of Electronic Enticement of a Child; in other cases, defendants have pled guilty or no contest. Earlier this month, Earnest Luther Roberts, who had been convicted by a Honolulu jury in October 2007, was sentenced by the Honorable Jennifer Ching to the maximum term of ten years imprisonment.

“Online predators target children – the most vulnerable users of the Internet – and the danger to children can be extremely serious,” Attorney General Mark Bennett said. “With our task force partners, we vigorously investigate and prosecute Internet crimes against children, and we encourage parents and young people to be aware of potential abuses.”

The Hawaii Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force has created a web site at [www.hicac.com](http://www.hicac.com) to help parents and young people recognize the dangers of the Internet and take protective measures. The site contains Internet safety tips and provides information on how to report suspected illegal Internet activity that targets children.

Anyone having information concerning possible Internet crimes against children is encouraged to call the Department of the Attorney General at (808) 586-1240.

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