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PEARL CITY MAN CHARGED WITH ELECTRONIC ENTICEMENT OF A CHILD IN THE FIRST DEGREE

HONOLULU – Acting Attorney General Russell A. Suzuki announced today that the Department of the Attorney General's Criminal Justice Division indicted a 25-year-old Pearl City man, Jonathan Silva, for one count of Electronic Enticement of a Child in the First Degree, a class B felony. If convicted, the sentence for this crime is 10 years imprisonment and registration as a sex offender.

Mr. Silva is accused of soliciting an 11-year old girl through her Facebook account for sexual purposes. Mr. Silva arranged to meet her at a Pearl City restaurant and was arrested when he arrived there on April 30, 2014.

The indictment was the result of an investigation by the Department of the Attorney General Investigations Division's Hawaii Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC), assisted by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Because of the serious nature of this offense that targets children as victims, the Attorney General reminds 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, ICAC has created a web site at www.hicac.com that provides internet safety tips and 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 indictment is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless he is proven guilty.

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