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HAWAII INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE ARRESTS HONOLULU MAN FOR ELECTRONIC ENTICEMENT OF A CHILD

The State Attorney General announced that on Tuesday morning, December 17, 2002, state, local and federal law enforcement agents of the Hawaii Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (HICACTF), arrested a twenty-nine year old Honolulu man for the offense of Electronic Enticement of a Child. This is the third arrest on Oahu in the past six weeks for this felony offense that was created by the Hawaii Legislature in 2002. 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 asked the person that he thought was a thirteen year-old girl to meet him for sex. Law enforcement officers from the Honolulu Police Department and the Department of the Attorney General, in conjunction with federal law enforcement personnel from the U.S. Customs Service, arrested the adult when he arrived at the meeting place.

Because of the serious nature of this offense that targets children as victims, the Attorney General asks parents and young people to be mindful of the potential for abuse of the Internet. Particular care should be taken when adults seek to arrange face-to-face meetings with children via Internet chat rooms or by email. To aid parents and young people to recognize the dangers of the Internet and to help them take protective measures, the HICACTF has created a web site at 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 to the HICACTF.
