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HONOLULU MAN INDICTED ON FELONY CHARGE OF ELECTRONIC ENTICEMENT OF A CHILD IN THE FIRST DEGREE

HONOLULU-Attorney General Mark Bennett announced today that Grant N. Detwiler, 27, of Honolulu, was indicted on February 6, 2003 by an Oahu Grand Jury on the charge of Electronic Enticement of a Child in the First Degree. This is the first indictment in Hawaii for the felony offense that was created by the Hawaii Legislature in 2002. The Indictment alleges that Detwiler used a computer to arrange a meeting for sexual activity with a person represented to him to be a 13 year-old girl. Law enforcement officers assigned to the Hawaii Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (HICACTF) from the Honolulu Police Department and an Attorney General Special Investigator arrested Detwiler when he arrived at the agreed upon meeting place. The indictment is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless he is proven guilty.

Because of the serious nature of this type of 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. The HICACTF has created a web site at www.hicac.com that contains Internet safety tips to help parents and young people use the Internet safely. The HICACTF web site also contains contact information for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's Cybertipline. The Cybertipline is staffed by National Center personnel and law enforcement officers around the clock to receive reports of suspicious activity involving electronic offenses against children.

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