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MILILANI MAN ARRESTED FOR ELECTRONIC ENTICEMENT OF A CHILD

HONOLULU-Attorney General Mark Bennett announced that on September 9, 2003, law enforcement agents of the Hawaii Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (HICACTF) including the Department of the Attorney General, the Honolulu Police Department, and a federal agency arrested a fifty-year-old Mililani man, Armando Sierra, for the offense of Electronic Enticement of a Child in the First Degree. The Oahu Grand Jury indicted Armando Sierra for that offense on September 11, 2003. 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. The Mililani man was arrested shortly after 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. To aid parents and young people to recognize the dangers of the Internet and to help them take protective measures, 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.

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

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