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HONOLULU MAN ARRESTED FOR ELECTRONIC ENTICEMENT OF A CHILD

(HONOLULU)-Attorney General Mark Bennett announced that on November 15, 2006, law enforcement agents of the Hawaii Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (HICACTF), including the Department of the Attorney General, the Honolulu Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, arrested a 43 year old Honolulu man, Brian Y. Uejo, for the offense of Electronic Enticement of a Child in the First Degree.

The arrest resulted from 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 15-year-old girl to meet him for sex. Uejo was arrested shortly after he arrived at the meeting place on November 15, 2006. Uejo is in custody, and bail has been set at \$20,000.00.

As a result of legislation passed just this year, the crime of Electronic Enticement of a Child carries a mandatory jail term of 1 year. (Act 80, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006)

Because of the serious nature of this offense that targets children as victims, Attorney General Mark Bennett asks 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, 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.

An arrest is merely an accusation and the arrestee is presumed innocent until and unless he is proven guilty.

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