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HONOLULU MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ELECTRONIC ENTICEMENT OF A CHILD

HONOLULU-Attorney General Mark Bennett announced today that Marc P.C. Fossorier, a 43-year-old Honolulu man, pled guilty to one count of electronic enticement of a child in the first degree. Mr. Fossorier was arrested on October 29, 2007 by law enforcement agents of the Hawai'i Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (HICACTF), including the Department of the Attorney General, the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), the Federal Bureau of Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Naval Criminal Investigative Services. 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 an Attorney General special agent, whom he thought was a 15-year-old girl, to meet him at a dining establishment in Aiea, where he would pick her up and take her elsewhere to have sex. He was arrested by police detectives shortly after he arrived at the designated meeting place.

Sentencing will be on March 5, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. before the Honorable Derrick H. M. Chan. Mr. Fossorier faces a maximum sentence of ten years in prison and, in accordance with recent sentencing laws passed in July 2006, a minimum sentence of five years probation with a one year prison term as a condition of probation. He must also register as a sex offender.

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 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.

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