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Wahiawa Man Found Guilty of Electronic Enticement of a Child

HONOLULU – Ray S. John, also known as “Steve Williams”, also known as “damaski113”, has been found guilty by a Honolulu jury of Electronic Enticement of a Child in the First Degree.

John, 29, used the Internet to solicit a law enforcement agent whom he believed to be a 13-year-old girl. In online “chats,” John indicated that he wanted to engage in sexual conduct with the girl. He arranged to meet her at a laundromat in Manoa Marketplace on June 12, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of sex. He was arrested when he entered the laundromat to meet the “girl.”

John faces a maximum sentence of ten years in prison and, under a new sentencing law 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.

Sentencing is set for May 14, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. before the Honorable Dexter D. Del Rosario. Bail remains at \$40,000 pending sentencing.

The investigation of John involved law enforcement agents of the Hawai'i Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, including the Department of the Attorney General and the Honolulu Police Department.

This is the eighteenth conviction for Electronic Enticement of a Child since January 2004.

The Hawai'i Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force has created a Web site at www.hicac.com to help parents and young people recognize the dangers of the Internet and take protective measures. The site contains Internet safety tips and provides information on how to report suspected illegal Internet activity that targets children.

Anyone having information concerning possible Internet crimes against children is encouraged to call the Department of the Attorney General at (808) 586-1240.

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