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ARIZONA MAN INDICTED IN HONOLULU ON ELECTRONIC ENTICEMENT AND PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

HONOLULU – A Honolulu Grand Jury today indicted Rangie B. Alangcas on two counts of Electronic Enticement of a Child in the First Degree and two counts of Attempted Promoting Pornography for Minors.

Alangcas, 26, of Arizona, is accused of using the Internet to solicit law enforcement officers, whom he believed to be 14-year-old girls. In online chats, Alangcas indicated that he wanted to engage in sexual conduct with the "girls," directed them to pornographic websites, asked them to watch pornographic videos, and arranged to meet them for the purpose of sex. He was arrested when he arrived at the agreed-upon meeting place.

The investigation and arrest involved law enforcement agents of the Hawai‘i Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, including the Department of the Attorney General, Honolulu Police Department, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

Alangcas is considered innocent unless and until he is found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt by a judge or jury.

Under a new law (Act 80, Session Laws of Hawai‘i 2008), courts must impose a mandatory sentence of ten years in prison on Internet predators who commit Electronic Enticement of a Child in the First Degree.

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 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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