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**WAIKELE MAN ARRESTED FOR ELECTRONIC ENTICEMENT OF A CHILD**

HONOLULU – Members of the Hawai`i Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, including the Department of the Attorney General and the Honolulu Police Department, have arrested Thomas H. Brown, 24, of Waikele for Electronic Enticement of a Child in the First Degree.

Brown is accused of using the Internet to solicit a law enforcement officer whom he believed was a 14-year-old girl. In online chats, Brown indicated that he wanted to engage in sexual conduct with the "girl." He arranged to meet her in the parking lot of the Don Quijote store in Honolulu and take her to a park to have sex. He was arrested shortly after he arrived at the designated meeting place.

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

Under Hawai`i law, 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](http://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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