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**OAHU MAN INDICTED FOR ELECTRONIC ENTICEMENT OF A CHILD**

HONOLULU – Attorney General Doug Chin announced today that an Oahu grand jury has indicted Jacob Landon Powers for electronic enticement of a child in the first degree.

According to the allegations, Powers, via online messaging on his mobile phone, communicated with someone he believed was a fourteen year old girl and arranged to meet her for the purpose of sex. He then arrived at the time and place they had agreed. He was arrested when he arrived for the meeting.

The investigation was conducted by the Hawaii Internet Crimes Against Children task force in the Attorney General's office. The prosecution is also being handled by that office.

**Attorney General Chin** said of the charges: "Luring a minor to have sex is a horrible crime. Not only is the act itself criminal, it can damage the child for the rest of that child's life. We will vigorously prosecute anyone who does this."

Powers is 34 years old and a Honolulu resident. He was indicted for one count of electronic enticement of a child in the first degree, a class B felony. The charge is punishable by 10 years in prison without the possibility of probation. Bail is set at \$11,000.00 and a bench warrant has been issued for Powers' arrest. Powers is presumed innocent unless and until he is found guilty of the charges beyond a reasonable doubt.

A copy of the indictment and a photograph of Powers is attached.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT

STATE OF HAWAII

STATE OF HAWAII,	)	CR. NO. <u>1CPC-17-0000182</u>
	)	
vs.	)	ELECTRONIC ENTICEMENT OF A
	)	CHILD IN THE FIRST DEGREE
JACOB LANDON POWERS,	)	(§ 707-756, H.R.S.)
	)	(ICAC NO. 17-0001)
Defendant.	)	
	)	INDICTMENT
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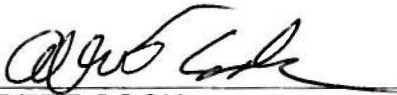
INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

On or about the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017, to and including the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2017, in the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii JACOB LANDON POWERS, a person using a computer or any other electronic device, did intentionally or knowingly communicate with Jon Twichell, also known as "Liz," who represented himself to be a minor under the age of eighteen years, with the intent to promote or facilitate the commission of a felony that is another covered offense as defined in

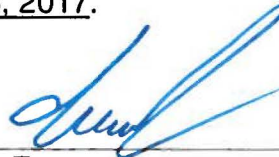
Section 846E-1 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, to wit, Sexual Assault in the First Degree and/or Sexual Assault in the Third Degree, and JACOB LANDON POWERS, did agree to meet with Jon Twichell, also known as "Liz," who represented himself to be a minor under the age of eighteen years, and did intentionally or knowingly travel to the agreed upon meeting place at the agreed upon meeting time, thereby committing the offense of Electronic Enticement of a Child in the First Degree, in violation of Section 707-756, of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, February 23, 2017.



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