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**ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNOUNCES INDICTMENT OF
SHANE TAYLOR NEAL FOR ELECTRONIC ENTICEMENT OF A CHILD**

HONOLULU – Attorney General Doug Chin announced today that Shane Taylor Neal has been indicted for the electronic enticement of a child.

According to the allegations in the indictment, Neal, via online messaging on his mobile phone, communicated with someone he believed was a fourteen year old girl. According to the allegations, he 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.

This was an investigation by the Hawaii Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force in the Attorney General's office and the prosecution is being conducted by the Department of the Attorney General.

Attorney General Chin said of the charges: "Luring a minor to have sex is despicable. Not only is the act itself heinous and criminal, but it can damage the child for the rest of her life. We will continue to vigorously prosecute anyone who does this."

Neal is 48 years old and an Ewa Beach resident. An Oahu grand jury indicted him for 1 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 Neal's arrest.

Neal is presumed innocent unless and until he is found guilty of the charges beyond a reasonable doubt.

A copy of the indictment is attached.

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| STATE OF HAWAII, |) | CASE NO. <u>1CPC-17-0000861</u> |
| |) | (ICAC NO. 17-00014) |
| vs. |) | |
| |) | ELECTRONIC ENTICEMENT OF A |
| SHANE TAYLOR NEAL, |) | CHILD IN THE FIRST DEGREE |
| also known as Lance Taylor, also known |) | (§ 707-756, H.R.S.) |
| as "LanceT33 Lance Taylor", |) | |
| |) | INDICTMENT |
| Defendant. |) | |
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INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

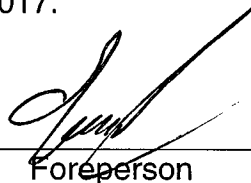
On or about the 28th day of November, 2016, to and including the 23rd day of May, 2017, in the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii SHANE TAYLOR NEAL, also known as Lance Taylor, also known as "LanceT33 Lance Taylor," a person using a computer or any other electronic device, did intentionally or knowingly communicate with Jon Twitchell, also known as "Emily," 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 SHANE TAYLOR NEAL, also known as Lance Taylor, also known as "LanceT33 Lance Taylor," did agree to meet with Jon Twitchell, also known as "Emily," 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, June 29, 2017.



ALBERT COOK
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