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**OKLAHOMA MAN SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON  
ON CHARGES OF ATTEMPTED ENTICEMENT OF A CHILD FOR SEXUAL PURPOSES**

**United States Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced today 42-year-old Tony Shannon Woody of Lawton, Oklahoma, was sentenced to 120 months in federal prison for Attempted Coercion and Enticement of a Minor.

In addition to the prison term, United States District Judge Lee Yeakel ordered strict prohibitions upon Woody's use of computers, the Internet, and chat rooms and required Woody to register as a sex offender pursuant to state registration requirements. After completing his prison term he will be placed under supervised release for a period of 15 years.

On December 17, 2007, Woody pled guilty to the charge. He admitted that between June 15, 2007, and August 1, 2007, he used the internet to induce a minor to have sexual relations with him. Woody was entered a chat room using the name "tswoody" and used this name to communicate with a minor boy whom he thought to be 13 years old for the purposes of attempting to persuade the minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct. Instead of being a 13 year old child, it was an undercover officer with the Texas Attorney General's Cyber Crimes Unit. Woody was arrested when he showed up at a planned meeting location to meet what he believed to be the 13 year old boy.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood, a national initiative that encourages the use of multi-jurisdictional task forces to investigate and prosecute the sexual exploitation of children online. In Texas, investigative assistance in these cases is provided by the Texas Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, which is one of almost 50 federally-funded task forces across the country dedicated to this project. For more information on Project Safe Childhood, visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

This case was investigated by the Texas Attorney General's Cyber Crimes Unit and the New Braunfels Police Department. This case was prosecuted for the government by Assistant U.S. Attorney Grant Sparks.

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