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**REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER INDICTED**  
**FOR ATTEMPTED ENTICEMENT OF A MINOR**

Tampa, Florida - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill today announced the return of an indictment of William Luther Young, a 41 year old resident of Marietta, Pennsylvania, charging Young with Attempted Enticement of a Minor. The maximum penalties Young faces if convicted is life imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.

According to the indictment and court documents, Young is a registered sex offender in Pennsylvania with a 1997 conviction for traveling across state lines with intent of sex with a minor. He was charged with attempting to entice a minor to engage in criminal sexual activity after engaging in email and instant message correspondence with an undercover agent in Tampa posing as a 14-year old girl on the internet.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty. The case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Laurel F. Moore.