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**EVENT: Guilty Plea** 

**Defendant: Fidencio Saucedo** 

## DEFENDANT PLEADS GUILTY TO ATTEMPTED COERCION AND ENTICEMENT OF CHILDREN ON THE INTERNET

Stephen J. Murphy, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, announced that Fidencio Saucedo, 51, of Colorado Springs, Colorado entered a guilty plea today to attempted coercion and enticement. Defendant Saucedo entered his plea before United States District Judge Avern Cohn.

According to information presented to the court, during the month of April 2007, Defendant Saucedo engaged in a series of online conversations with an undercover FBI agent whom he believed to be a single mother of two young children ages 3 and 5. Saucedo indicated a desire to engage in sex with the children. Saucedo proposed specific acts of sexual penetration that he would engage in with both the daughter and son. Saucedo encouraged the "mother" to bring her children to Colorado. He provided driving directions to his neighborhood and provided a telephone number for the "mother" to call when they arrived.

United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy said, "The supposed anonymity of the Internet unleashes deeply troubling and dangerous conduct in some people who intend to abuse children. This case is an example of the continuing commitment of my office to go after

child sexually abusive conduct on the Internet."

The charge is a felony and carries a mandatory minimum sentence of ten years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. This prosecution was facilitated through Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide Department of Justice initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/."