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CUMMING, GEORGIA MAN CHARGED WITH USING A COMPUTER TO ENTICE A 10-YEAR-OLD GIRL TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY

Atlanta, GA - RANDY HICKMAN, 49, of Cumming, Georgia, was arraigned today before a federal magistrate on a charge of using a computer connected to the internet to entice a 10-year-old girl to engage in sexual activity. HICKMAN, who was indicted on the charge on March 7, 2006, was ordered held without bond pending trial. A trial date has not yet been set.

“This is yet another in a disturbing number of so-called ‘traveler’ cases in which individuals use their computers to arrange meetings to molest or for sexual activity with young children,” said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. “Unfortunately, the FBI has found no shortage of such individuals when the Safe Child Task Force poses on-line as a family member with a young child, and we will continue such investigative techniques to track down and prosecute these individuals.”

According to United States Attorney Nahmias, the indictment and documents and information presented in court, between January 11, 2006 and February 17, 2006, HICKMAN allegedly used a computer connected to the internet to attempt to persuade, induce and entice a minor to engage in sexual activity. HICKMAN was arrested on February 17, 2006, after he traveled to Morrow, Georgia, believing that he would be meeting a “mother” of a 10-year-old “daughter” and that he would be able engage in sexual activity with the “daughter.”

HICKMAN had been allegedly communicating with the “mother” since January 11, 2006 in an Internet chat room. During the course of these discussions, HICKMAN repeatedly told the mother about specific sexual activities he wanted to engage in with the 10-year-old daughter. In fact, the “mother” was an undercover agent working with the FBI’s Safe Child Task Force. The 10-year-old daughter was fictitious and never existed.

Members of the public are reminded that the indictment only contains charges. The defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government’s burden to prove the defendant’s guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

This case is being investigated by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its Safe Child Task Force.

Assistant United States Attorney Aaron M. Danzig is prosecuting the case.

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