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## **NORTH CAROLINA MAN SENTENCED TO OVER 11 YEARS IN PRISON FOR USING A COMPUTER TO ENTICE A MINOR TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY**

ATLANTA, GA - RON FOURAKER, 55, of Conover, North Carolina, was sentenced today by United States District Judge William F. Duffey to over 11 years in federal prison on charges of using a computer to attempt to entice a minor to engage in sexual activity.

“The defendant traveled from North Carolina to Georgia to sexually abuse a young girl,” said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. “Because law enforcement is vigilant and is actively pursuing individuals who prey on young children, we caught this defendant before he was able to harm a real child.”

FOURAKER was sentenced to 11 years, 3 months in federal prison to be followed by a life of supervised release. FOURAKER pleaded guilty to these charges on March 27, 2006.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: Beginning on or about August 19, 2005, FOURAKER communicated on-line with a person whom he believed was a mother with a 9-year old daughter. FOURAKER, using the screen name “ron2u2000,” told the mother that he wanted to engage in sexual acts with the daughter. FOURAKER arranged to meet both mother and daughter, and on August 23, 2005, he traveled to Atlanta from North Carolina for the purpose of sexually molesting the girl. Law enforcement agents arrested FOURAKER at a restaurant parking lot shortly after he arrived in the Atlanta area. The mother with whom FOURAKER had been communicating on-line was in fact an undercover FBI Agent working as part of the FBI’s Safe Child Task Force. The 9-year old girl was fictitious and never existed.

FOURAKER was indicted in September, 2005 on two counts: using a computer in an attempt to entice a minor to engage in sexual activity, and traveling across state lines to engage in sexual acts with someone younger than 12 years of age. He pleaded guilty to using a computer to attempt to entice a minor to engage in sexual activity.

This case is being investigated by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney J. Elizabeth McBath prosecuted the case.

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