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CUMMING, GEORGIA MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR ENTICING CHILD TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY

Atlanta, GA - RANDY HICKMAN, 49, of Cumming, Georgia, was sentenced to more than 11 years in federal prison today by United States District Judge Marvin H. Shoob on a charge of using a computer connected to the internet to entice and persuade a minor to engage in sexual activity.

“Sexual predators use the internet to seek out their prey--innocent children. In this case, the defendant was caught trying to persuade a 10-year-old girl to have sex. He has been brought to justice and we will continue to prosecute others who attempt to harm children,” said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias.

HICKMAN was sentenced to 11 years, 3 months in federal prison, to be followed by 10 years of supervised release. HICKMAN was indicted in March 2006 and pleaded guilty to the charge on June 20, 2006.

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 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 girl and that he would be able to engage in sexual activity with the “daughter.” HICKMAN had been 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.

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

Assistant United States Attorney Aaron M. Danzig prosecuted the case.

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