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63-YEAR OLD KENTUCKY MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR ATTEMPTING TO ENTICE A 10-YEAR OLD GIRL TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY

Atlanta, GA - WILLIAM DOUGLAS MONEY, 63, of Lexington, Kentucky, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Julie E. Carnes on charges of using a computer to entice a child to engage in sexual activity.

"This case is another sad example of how desperate internet predators are to engage in sexual activity with children," said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. "We will continue to aggressively pursue those who would prey on our children."

MONEY was sentenced to 9 years in prison to be followed by supervised release for the rest of his life. MONEY was convicted of these charges on March 9, 2007.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: In April 2005, the defendant initiated online contact with an individual who, unbeknownst to him, was an undercover agent with the FBI's Safe Child Task Force. He met the undercover agent in an internet chat room devoted to discussing the sexual abuse of children. During the next three months, MONEY continued to "chat" with the undercover agent and expressed his fervent desire to engage in sexual activity with a 10-year old child. Ultimately, the defendant traveled to Atlanta from Kentucky on July 11, 2005, in order to engage in sexual activity with the child. MONEY was arrested at a shopping mall where he had arranged to meet the child. There was no real child.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and a Task Force Agent from the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office.

Assistant United States Attorney Francey Hakes prosecuted the case.

This case was prosecuted as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales launched Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorney's 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.

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