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CHILD PSYCHOLOGIST PLEADS GUILTY TO TRAVELING TO GEORGIA TO MOLEST AN 11-YEAR-OLD CHILD

Michigan Child Psychologist Used the Internet to Attempt to Induce the Child to Have Sex with Him

Atlanta, GA - DR. CHARLES BRUCE FRAELICH, 58, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, pleaded guilty today in federal district court to charges of traveling interstate to have sex with an eleven-year-old and using the Internet to attempt to coerce and entice a minor to engage in illegal sexual activity.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said of the case, "Today's guilty plea should serve as a disturbing reminder that sexual predators lurk on the Internet. When even a child psychologist attempts to prey on a young child, we must vigilantly protect the safety of our children."

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: Beginning at least as early as February 27, 2006, FRAELICH initiated contact in an Internet chat room with a person whom he believed to be the mother of an eleven-year-old girl. FRAELICH continued to correspond with the individual over the Internet and by telephone, telling the person that he wanted to have sex with her daughter and encouraging her to allow him to do so. During the course of these discussions, FRAELICH repeatedly and explicitly described specific sexual activities he wanted to engage in with the eleven-year-old girl. FRAELICH arranged to meet the mother and daughter and on April 20, 2006, FRAELICH drove to Atlanta from Gainesville, Florida, where he was visiting family, for the purpose of sexually molesting the eleven-year-old child. Law enforcement arrested FRAELICH shortly after he arrived in the Atlanta area, in a parking lot outside the restaurant where he had arranged to meet the mother and daughter. In fact, the "mother" was an undercover agent working with the FBI's Safe Child Task Force. The eleven-year-old daughter did not actually exist.

At the time of his arrest, FRAELICH was a licensed child psychologist practicing in Livonia, Michigan.

FRAELICH was indicted in April 2006 on one count of aggravated sexual abuse and one count of using the Internet to attempt to coerce and entice a minor to engage in illegal sexual activity. He pleaded guilty to both counts. He could receive a maximum sentence of life in prison and a fine of up to \$500,000.

Sentencing is scheduled for September 27, 2006, at 11 a.m., before United States District Judge Beverly B. Martin.

This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Safe Child Task Force.

Assistant United States Attorney Lawrence R. Sommerfeld is prosecuting the case.

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