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MAN ARRESTED FOR ELECTRONIC ENTICEMENT OF A CHILD

(HONOLULU)-Attorney General Mark Bennett and Honolulu Police Department Deputy Chief Paul Putzulu announced that on May 15, 2007, law enforcement agents of the Hawaii Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (HICACTF), including the Department of the Attorney General, the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, arrested a twenty-three year old man, Ivan Sakata, for the offense of Electronic Enticement of a Child in the First Degree. The arrest was the result of ongoing HICACTF investigation efforts to intercept Internet solicitations of children for sexual activity.

In this particular case, over the Internet, the suspect asked the HPD detective, whom he thought was a thirteen year-old girl, to meet him at Kahala Mall, where he would pick her up and take her back to his apartment to have sex. He was arrested by police detectives shortly after he arrived at the designated meeting place.

Because of the serious nature of this offense that targets children as victims, the HPD and Attorney General ask parents and young people to be mindful of the potential for abuse of the Internet. To aid parents and young people in recognizing the dangers of the Internet and to help them take protective measures, HICACTF has created a web site at www.hicac.com. The web site contains Internet safety tips and provides information on how to report any suspected illegal Internet activity that targets children.

Anyone having information concerning possible Internet crimes against children should call investigators at 808 586-1240.

An arrest is merely an accusation and the arrestee is presumed innocent until and unless he is proven guilty.

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