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FLORIDA CHILD MOLESTER SENTENCED ON FEDERAL CHARGES IN GEORGIA

Atlanta, GA - MARK A. GROSSMAN, 45, of Bradenton, Florida, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Beverly B. Martin on charges of using the internet to attempt to entice a child to engage in sexual activity and crossing state lines with the intent to engage in a sexual act with a person under the age of 12.

“This case again demonstrates the dangerous connection between child predators and the internet,” said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. “This defendant used the internet to find what he thought was a nine year old girl he could molest, then he crossed state lines intending to engage in sexual activity with the young girl. According to trial testimony of a child-victim, before this incident, Grossman had acted on his desires and molested a real child in Florida. We will continue to vigorously pursue those who use the internet to prey on our children.”

GROSSMAN was sentenced to 20 years in prison to be followed by supervised release for the remainder of his life. GROSSMAN was convicted of these charges by a jury on June 15, 2006.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: In late February 2005, GROSSMAN contacted an undercover agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation through an internet chat room. During the course of several conversations on the internet and on the phone, the defendant expressed his desire to travel to Georgia from Florida to engage in sexual activity with a nine year-old girl. On March 25, 2005, he traveled to Georgia to meet the girl and to engage in sexual activity with her. There was no actual girl. During the internet conversations with the undercover agent, GROSSMAN stated that he had molested a ten year old Florida girl. This was confirmed by the young victim when she testified against GROSSMAN during trial. GROSSMAN was arrested by law enforcement officers just after arriving in Georgia.

This case was investigated by the FBI's Safe Child Task Force.

Assistant United States Attorney Bernita B. Malloy prosecuted the case.

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