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CHILD PSYCHOLOGIST SENTENCED TO OVER 11 YEARS IN PRISON FOR TRAVELING TO GEORGIA TO MOLEST AN 11-YEAR OLD CHILD

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

Atlanta, GA - DR. CHARLES BRUCE FRAELICH, 58, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Beverly B. Martin on 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 sentence should serve as a disturbing reminder that sexual predators lurk on the internet. Fortunately, this predator now faces a long time in federal prison. When even a child psychologist attempts to prey on a young child, we must vigilantly protect the safety of our children."

FRAELICH was sentenced to 11 years, 3 months in prison, to be followed by 10 years of supervised release, ordered to pay a fine of \$2,000 and ordered to undergo sexual offender counseling and treatment. FRAELICH pleaded guilty to the charges on July 20, 2006.

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

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

Assistant United States Attorney Lawrence R. Sommerfeld prosecuted the case.

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