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VIRGINIA MAN CHARGED WITH USING THE INTERNET TO ENTICE A GEORGIA CHILD TO HAVE SEX

54-Year-Old Man Allegedly Travels To Atlanta To Have Sex With 13-Year-Old "Girl"

Atlanta, GA - BARRY S. DRUCKER, 54, of Woodbridge, Virginia, has been charged in a federal criminal complaint with using a computer attached to the internet to entice a minor to have sex with him and to transmit obscene matter to a minor. DRUCKER had his initial appearance in federal court in Atlanta today before Magistrate Judge E. Clayton Scofield III and is now scheduled for a bond hearing before Judge Scofield on May 24, 2007, at 2 p.m.

"This defendant allegedly used the internet to meet on-line a person whom he believed to be a young girl, then encouraged her to meet him in person so they could have sex," said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. "In addition, during their on-line chats he allegedly coached her on how to engage in sexual activity, and he performed sex acts on himself in front of a webcam believing that a 13-year-old girl was watching him. When he traveled to Atlanta to meet the girl, he was met by federal, state and local law enforcement officers instead, and he now faces a minimum of 10 years in federal prison. Other sexual predators who think they can meet children on-line should be forewarned that they could also end up in federal custody. Nevertheless, parents must continue to be vigilant in monitoring the on-line communications that their children are having."

According to United States Attorney Nahmias, the charges and other information presented in court: DRUCKER allegedly went on-line in a teen chat room and began communicating with a girl whom he believed to be 13 years old. Unbeknownst to DRUCKER, the 13-year-old girl was actually a Clayton County Police Officer acting in an undercover role. Between March and May of this year, DRUCKER communicated on-line with the officer on dozens of occasions. Using a webcam, DRUCKER exposed himself and masturbated on camera believing that a 13 year old girl was watching him. DRUCKER also encouraged the 13-year-old to masturbate while chatting on-line with him, and DRUCKER gave her instructions on what to do when she told him that she had never masturbated before.

According to the complaint, in the on-line chats, DRUCKER repeatedly expressed his desire to come to Atlanta and take the 13-year-old to a motel to engage in sex. He graphically described to her how they would give each other pleasure and that he would teach her everything she needed to know to please him. DRUCKER told the girl that he would be coming to Atlanta on Monday, May 21, and arranged with the girl for her to sneak away from her home so that she could meet him and go to a motel with him. When DRUCKER arrived at the Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson International Airport on a flight from Washington, D.C., he was arrested by law enforcement officers and taken into federal custody.

The criminal complaint charges that DRUCKER used a computer attached to the internet to induce, entice, and encourage a minor to engage in sexual activity that is prohibited by state law. The complaint also charges DRUCKER with using a computer attached to the internet to transmit obscene matter to a minor. The charges carry a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years imprisonment and a maximum sentence of 40 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

DRUCKER is employed by the United States Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service. His office is located in Herndon, Virginia.

This case is being investigated by law enforcement officials with the Office of the Inspector General, United States Department of the Interior, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and the Clayton County Police Department in conjunction with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

Assistant United States Attorney William L. McKinnon, Jr. is prosecuting the case.

Members of the public are reminded that the indictment contains only allegations. A defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government's burden to prove a defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

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