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Stafford Man Sentenced to 87 Months for Attempted Coercion and Enticement

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – Ricardo Cordero Torres, 43, of Stafford, was sentenced today to 87 months in prison for attempting to coerce an individual to engage in unlawful sexual activity. Torres was also sentenced to five years of supervised release and ordered to register as a sex offender.

Torres pleaded guilty on Oct. 28, 2015. According to court documents, Torres responded to a Craigslist ad purportedly posted by a 13-year-old girl living on Marine Corps Base Quantico. He began communicating with her through online chat and e-mail. He discussed sex with her and sent her a pornographic picture of himself. They planned to meet at a specific location on base. The defendant left his place of employment and was arrested shortly before arriving at the predetermined location on June 18, 2015.

Dana J. Boente, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; and Darrell K. Gilliard, Special Agent in Charge of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) Washington, D.C. Field Office, made the announcement after sentencing by U.S. District Judge Claude M. Hilton. Special Assistant U.S. Attorneys Lauren Britsch and Angelissa Savino prosecuted the case.

A copy of this press release may be found on the website of the <u>U.S. Attorney's Office</u> for the Eastern District of Virginia. Related court documents and information may be found on the website of the<u>District Court</u> for the Eastern District of Virginia or on <u>PACER</u> by searching for **Case No. 1:15-cr-260.**