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ANN ARBOR CHILD PSYCHOLOGIST INDICTED IN ATLANTA FOR TRAVELING INTERSTATE TO MOLEST "11-YEAR-OLD GIRL"

Atlanta, GA - Dr. CHARLES BRUCE FRAELICH, 58, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, was indicted today by a federal grand jury on charges of traveling interstate to molest an 11-year-old girl and using a computer connected to the Internet to attempt to entice the child to engage in sexual activity. Dr. FRAELICH, who made his initial appearance in court on a Criminal Complaint on Friday, appeared before United States Magistrate C. Christopher Hagy on the indictment today and was detained without bond.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said of the case, "This defendant is a child psychologist who allegedly traveled a great distance and initiated many communications in an effort to have sex with a child. This case disturbingly illustrates the pervasive problem of child predators today. Where even a child psychologist preys on children using the Internet, we must all take extra care in protecting our young ones."

According to U.S. Attorney Nahmias and the information in court: The indictment charges that on April 20, 2006, FRAELICH crossed state lines with the intent to engage in sexual activity with a child under the age of 12, and that between February 27, 2006, and April 20, 2006, FRAELICH used a computer connected to the Internet to attempt to persuade, induce and entice a minor to engage in illegal sexual activity.

More specifically, as alleged in the previously filed Criminal Complaint, 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 11-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 11-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 11-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. In fact, the “mother” was an undercover agent working with the FBI’s Safe Child Task Force. The “11-year-old daughter” did not exist.

In open court, FRAELICH admitted to being a licensed psychologist practicing in Livonia, Michigan, with patients of all ages, including children.

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

This case is being investigated by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its Safe Child Task Force.

Assistant United States Attorney Lawrence R. Sommerfeld is prosecuting the case.

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