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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - September 23, 2009

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that on September 21, 2009, Michael John Nicodemus was sentenced in federal court in San Diego by the Honorable Larry Alan Burns to serve 120 months in custody and 20 years of supervised release following his release from prison based on Nicodemus' conviction for one count of enticement of a minor, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2422(b). Judge Burns also ordered Nicodemus to register as a sex offender. Nicodemus tendered his guilty plea before Magistrate Judge William McCurine, Jr. on April 28, 2009.

According to court records, Nicodemus admitted that between January and June 2007, he used a computer and telephone to communicate with a 14-year-old girl in New York. The nature of the conversations was sexual, where Nicodemus would describe the sexual acts in which he wanted to engage with the minor and included requests by Nicodemus to have the female minor to take and transmit sexually explicit photos of herself. Nicodemus also sent the minor graphic pictures of himself. Further investigation revealed that Nicodemus was living with another young woman, with whom Nicodemus began to communicate when she was only 16 years old.

At the time of his arrest by agents of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Nicodemus was a staff accountant at the Hotel Del Coronado.

This case stems from a nationwide investigation by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and assisted by the San Diego Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, whose members include the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the San Diego Police Department, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, the Chula Vista Police Department, the United States Attorney's Office, the San Diego District Attorney's Office, the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, the United States Marshals Service, the Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory, the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and the El Cajon Police Department.

This case is being brought as part of the Department of Justice Project Safe Childhood (PSC). For more information about PSC, please visit www.projectsafefchildhood.gov

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 09cr1337-LAB

MICHAEL JOHN NICODEMUS

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2422(b) (Enticement of a Minor)

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Immigration and Customs Enforcement
East Greenbush New York Police Department