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## **CANADIAN MAN INDICTED FOR TRAVELING TO GEORGIA TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY WITH A 10-YEAR-OLD GIRL**

ATLANTA, GA - A federal grand jury returned a two-count indictment today against DOUGLAS RICHARD STEVENS, 52, of Ontario, Canada, who is accused of using a computer to entice a 10-year-old girl to engage in sexual activity, and then driving to Atlanta, Georgia from Ontario, Canada to engage in sexual acts with the young girl.

"We have seen an alarming number of cases in which individuals use their computers to arrange meetings with young children and then travel across state and national boundaries for the purpose of sexually molesting their victims," said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. "Federal officials are working very hard to catch these criminals before they actually reach and harm real children."

According to United States Attorney David E. Nahmias and the documents and information presented in court: Beginning on or about December 7, 2005, STEVENS allegedly communicated on-line with "Jane," a person whom he believed had a 10-year old daughter named "Mary." STEVENS, using the screen name "ontm4momanddaughter," told "Jane" that he wanted to engage in sexual acts with "Mary." STEVENS arranged to meet "Jane" and "Mary," and on December 11, 2005, he traveled to Atlanta from Ontario for the purpose of sexually molesting "Mary." Law enforcement agents arrested STEVENS at a restaurant parking lot after he arrived in the Atlanta area. "Jane" was in fact a name used by an undercover FBI Agent working as part of the FBI's Safe Child Task Force. The 10-year-old girl referred to as "Mary" was fictitious and never existed. In his chats, STEVENS stated that he met a 12-year-old girl on-line in the past and sexually molested her.

Assistant United States Attorney J. Elizabeth McBath is prosecuting the case.

Members of the public are reminded that the charges contain 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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