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CANADIAN MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TRAVELING TO GEORGIA TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY WITH A 10-YEAR-OLD GIRL

ATLANTA, GA - DOUGLAS RICHARD STEVENS, 53, of Ontario, Canada, pleaded guilty today in federal district court to using a computer to entice a 10-year-old girl to engage in sexual activity and to crossing state lines to engage in sexual acts with the young girl.

"In this case, a truck driver from Canada traveled from his country to ours to abuse a little girl," said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. "We are working very hard to find and catch sexual predators before they harm real children. Our work is paying off and, due to law enforcement efforts, this district is safer for our children."

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: Beginning on or about December 7, 2005, STEVENS 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.

STEVENS was indicted by a federal grand jury in January, 2006. The indictment charged him with using a computer to entice a minor to engage in sexual activity and traveling across state lines to engage in sexual acts with the minor. He pleaded guilty to both counts. He could receive a maximum sentence of life imprisonment and a fine of up to \$500,000.

Sentencing is scheduled for May 24, 2006, at 11 a.m., before United States District Judge Owen Forrester.

This case is being investigated by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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

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