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TENNESSEE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TRAVELING WITH INTENT TO HAVE SEX WITH 10 YEAR OLD

Atlanta, GA - ROY LOGSTON, 68, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, pleaded guilty today in federal district court to traveling across state lines with intent to have sex with a child.

"Sexual predators use the internet to seek out their prey. In this case, the defendant communicated online about having sex with a 10-year-old girl and was arrested when he traveled from Tennessee to Georgia with the intention of having illegal sexual contact with the girl. He has been brought to justice and faces a lengthy prison term for his crime. We will continue to vigorously prosecute those who attempt to harm children," said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: On January 13, 2006, LOGSTON contacted an undercover agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation through an internet chat room. During the course of several communications via instant messaging and phone calls, LOGSTON expressed his desire to travel from Tennessee to Georgia to engage in sexual activity with a 10-year-old girl. Unbeknownst to LOGSTON, there was no actual girl. On February 3, 2006, LOGSTON was arrested at a restaurant in Norcross, Georgia after traveling from Tennessee to have sex with the girl. FBI agents arrested him at the restaurant without incident. The defendant had Viagra pills in his pocket when arrested.

LOGSTON was indicted in March 2006 on one count of using a computer connected to the internet to persuade, induce and entice a child to engage in sexual activity and one count of crossing a state line with the intent to engage in a sexual act with a child under the age of 12. LOGSTON pleaded guilty today to the second charge. Under the terms of the binding plea agreement accepted by the Court, LOGSTON should receive a sentence of 11 years, 3 months imprisonment to be followed by 10 years of supervised release. Sentencing is set for September 28, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., before United States District Judge Richard W. Story.

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

Assistant United States Attorney Aaron M. Danzig is prosecuting the case.

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