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**LONG ISLAND MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON**  
**FOR USING THE INTERNET TO ENTICE A MINOR GIRL**  
**FOR SEXUAL ACTIVITY AND FOR THE ATTEMPTED**  
**PRODUCTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that JEFFREY MUSUMECI was sentenced this afternoon in Manhattan federal court to 180 months in prison for child enticement and child pornography offenses. The sentence was imposed by United States District Judge RICHARD M. BERMAN. MUSUMECI was found guilty of one count of attempted child enticement and one count of attempted production of child pornography on September 19, 2007, following a three-day jury trial in Manhattan federal court. According to documents filed in this case and the evidence at trial:

In November 2005, MUSUMECI engaged in Internet conversations with "Lisa," an individual he believed to be a thirteen year-old girl, but who was actually an undercover officer with the New York City Police Department ("NYPD"). During these conversations, MUSUMECI explicitly and graphically described the sexual activities in which he planned to engage with "Lisa" when the two met in person, and he proposed to take explicit pictures of her.

On November 23, 2005, MUSUMECI initiated an instant messaging ("IM") conversation with "Lisa" and indicated he was "looking for a younger woman to date." Younger girls, he explained, "are eager to learn new things." After "Lisa" identified herself as a 13-year-old, MUSUMECI described the explicit sexual acts he wanted to perform with her and asked her to describe herself in graphic sexual terms. MUSUMECI offered to "make a special trip to see [Lisa]" in Manhattan. "We can have some fun together," he said. During that IM conversation,

MUSUMECI sent the officer a photo of his face and proposed that they meet.

During the next week, MUSUMECI and the officer engaged in five additional IM conversations in which MUSUMECI described the sexual acts he wanted to perform with "Lisa," and sent her a graphic photograph of himself. At one point during these conversations, "Lisa" asked if he remembered how old she was (13) because, she said, "i just don't want u 2 be mad cause im younger." MUSUMECI said, "ok." MUSUMECI and the officer also agreed to meet at 4 p.m. on the Tuesday of the next week near a playground in lower Manhattan.

On Tuesday, November 29, 2005, a second officer from the NYPD, who had the appearance of a teenage girl, acted in an undercover capacity as "Lisa" and met MUSUMECI at the prearranged location. During the next half-hour, as "Lisa" and MUSUMECI walked to retrieve his camera from a parked car, "Lisa" again mentioned her age, and that it was "cool" that MUSUMECI didn't "care that [she was] 13." MUSUMECI said he "care[d] a little bit." When "Lisa" led MUSUMECI into the foyer of a building where she said she lived with her grandmother, MUSUMECI was arrested by the New York City Police Department. He was carrying a condom and a Polaroid camera.

In a taped confession to the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, MUSUMECI repeatedly indicated that he intended to have sex with the undercover police officer that he met. "Obviously I intended to fool around with her . . . that's a given," he said.

MUSUMECI, aged 53, lived in Massapequa Park, Long Island, and was an insurance broker. In addition to the prison term, United States District Judge RICHARD M. BERMAN ordered MUSUMECI to serve a term of 5 years of supervised release.

Mr. GARCIA praised the investigative efforts of the NYPD in this case and also thanked the Manhattan District Attorney's Office for its help and cooperation.

Assistant United States Attorney ADAM S. HICKEY is in charge of the prosecution.

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