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**BRONX MAN INDICTED FOR USING THE INTERNET
TO ENTICE A MINOR TO HAVE SEX**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, MARK J. MERSHON, Assistant Director-in-Charge of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), and RAYMOND W. KELLY, Police Commissioner of the City of New York ("NYPD") announced that FRANKIE PEREZ, a/k/a "Bxloveboy22@aol.com," a/k/a "Perez2250X@aol.com," was indicted today on charges that he had used the Internet to entice a minor to engage in sexual activity. PEREZ was originally arrested on August 8, 2008, and has remained in custody since then. According to the Indictment and the previously-filed Complaint in the case:

Beginning in 2005, PEREZ, who was a volunteer in a New York City public school, started sending AOL (America Online) instant messages to a 13-year-old child whom he had met at the school. On numerous occasions between 2005 and March 2008, PEREZ met with, and engaged in sexual activity with, the child after communicating with him via AOL instant messaging. PEREZ's conduct included providing the child with alcohol in exchange for sex.

If convicted, PEREZ, 29, of the Bronx, New York, faces a maximum sentence of life in prison, with a mandatory minimum of 10 years.

The case is assigned to United States District Judge DENISE L. COTE.

Mr. GARCIA praised the work of the FBI in this investigation and thanked the NYPD, the New York City Department of Education, the New York City Administration for Children's Services, and the Family Advocacy Program at Jacobi Medical Center for their assistance in this case.

Assistant United States Attorney HOWARD S. MASTER is in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Complaint and Indictment are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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