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**U.S. ARRESTS MANHATTAN CONSULTANT FOR TRAVELING
BETWEEN STATES TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL ACTIVITIES
WITH A MINOR UNDER THE AGE OF 12**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and MARK J. MERSHON, the Assistant Director-in-Charge of the New York Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), announced that PAUL HINKLEY was arrested yesterday on charges that he traveled across state lines intending to engage in sexual activities with an individual he believed to be an eleven-year-old girl. HINKLEY was also charged with using the Internet to attempt to entice a minor to engage in sexual activities and with traveling in interstate commerce for the purpose of engaging in illicit sexual activities with an individual under eighteen. According to the Complaint filed today in Manhattan federal court:

From January through July 2007, HINKLEY engaged in Internet conversations with "Cassie," an individual HINKLEY believed to be an eleven-year-old girl, and "Sheryl," whom HINKLEY believed to be "Cassie's" mother. In fact, both "Cassie" and "Sheryl" were an undercover officer with the Cañon City Police Department in Cañon City, Colorado. During these conversations, HINKLEY explicitly and graphically described to both "Cassie" and "Sheryl" the sexual activities he planned to engage in with them when the three met in person.

In the Internet conversations and in several telephone calls with the undercover officer, HINKLEY invited "Sheryl" and "Cassie" to travel to New York and agreed to pay for hotel and meal expenses during their visit. HINKLEY also used his credit card to reserve a hotel room for the nights that he believed

"Sheryl" and "Cassie" would be in New York. He also agreed to pick them up at the airport when they landed. In a conversation that took place on June 26, 2007, HINKLEY told "Sheryl" that "this is a glorious threesome i am looking forward too."

On July 16, 2007, HINKLEY drove to Newark Liberty International Airport from New York, intending to meet "Sheryl" and "Cassie" on the flight the undercover told him they had boarded. Agents located HINKLEY standing outside the arrivals area of the terminal where the flight was scheduled to land. FBI agents called the cellphone number that he had provided "Sheryl" in an Internet conversation, and when HINKLEY reached into a pouch to answer the phone, agents placed him under arrest.

In the car HINKLEY drove to the airport, agents found rope, an enema bottle, condoms, and Viagra. HINKLEY admitted to FBI agents after the arrest that he intended to have sex with both "Sheryl" and "Cassie," that he believed "Cassie" was eleven years old, and that he intended to use the rope to "tie her up."

HINKLEY is the founder of JMJ Cross Enterprises, a Manhattan engineering consulting business.

The Complaint charges HINKLEY with one count of crossing State lines with the intent to engage in sexual acts with an individual younger than twelve years; one count of using the Internet to attempt to persuade, induce, entice, and coerce an individual younger than eighteen years old to engage in sexual activity; and one count of traveling in interstate commerce for the purpose of engaging in sexual acts with an individual younger than eighteen years. If convicted, the defendant faces a mandatory minimum prison term of thirty years and a maximum prison term of life.

The defendant is scheduled to appear before United States Magistrate Judge RONALD L. ELLIS in Manhattan federal court today.

Mr. GARCIA praised the investigative efforts of the FBI and the Cañon City Police Department in this case.

Assistant United States Attorney DAVID A. O'NEIL is in charge of the prosecution.

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