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TENNESSEE MAN SENTENCED IN MANHATTAN FEDERAL COURT TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON FOR ATTEMPTING TO ENTICE TWO MINORS TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL ACTS

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that LARRY WARREN, a/k/a "Dad4real4u@aol.com," was sentenced today in Manhattan federal court by United States District Judge RICHARD J. SULLIVAN to 20 years in prison for using a computer and the Internet to attempt to entice minors to engage in sexual activity in violation of New York State law.

According to the criminal Complaint, the Indictment, other documents filed in the case, and statements made in court during the guilty plea and sentencing proceedings:

Beginning in November 2008, WARREN sent America Online ("AOL") instant messages to a detective with the New York City Police Department ("NYPD") who was acting in an undercover capacity as a mother of two daughters, ages thirteen and nine. On numerous occasions up to February 2009, WARREN sent AOL instant messages to the detective regarding WARREN's interest in traveling to New York to engage in sexual activity with the mother and two daughters. On February 12, 2009, WARREN flew to New York from Tennessee for the purpose of engaging in sexual acts with the mother and two daughters.

WARREN, 58, of Pinson, Tennessee, was arrested on February 13, 2009, and pleaded guilty on August 24, 2009, to using a computer and the Internet to attempt to entice one and more individuals who had not attained the age of 18 years to engage in sexual activity in violation of New York State law.

Mr. BHARARA praised the investigative work of NYPD and Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Assistant United States Attorney BRIAN A. JACOBS is in charge of the prosecution.

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