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**U.S. ARRESTS LONG ISLAND MAN FOR USING THE  
INTERNET TO ENTICE A MINOR GIRL FOR  
SEXUAL ACTIVITY**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that JEFFREY MUSUMECI was arrested earlier today on charges of using the Internet to entice someone he believed to be a thirteen year-old girl to engage in sexual activities. According to the Complaint filed yesterday in Manhattan federal court:

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. During these conversations, MUSUMECI explicitly and graphically described the sexual activities in which he planned to engage in 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," as well as sent to 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 yunger." 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 New York City Police Department, 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.

The Complaint charges MUSUMECI with one count of using the Internet to persuade, induce, entice, and coerce an individual younger than 18 years-old to engage in sexual activity, and one count of attempting to produce child pornography. If convicted on the first count, the defendant faces a mandatory minimum prison term of five years and a maximum prison term of 30 years. If convicted on the second count, MUSUMECI faces a mandatory prison term of 15 years and a maximum term of 30 years.

The defendant is scheduled to appear before United States Magistrate Judge JAMES C. FRANCIS in Manhattan federal court today.

Mr. GARCIA praised the investigative efforts of the NYPD and also thanked the Manhattan District Attorney's Office for their help and cooperation. Mr. GARCIA added that the investigation was continuing.

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

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

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