Gresham man pleads guilty in â€˜Cyber Stingâ€™ case

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Guilty plea result of â€œCyber Stingâ€• Operation conducted by Multnomah County Sheriffâ€™s Office and Portland Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

PORTLAND, Ore. â€“ Harry Steven Bailey, 56, of Gresham, Oregon entered a guilty plea before U.S. District Judge James A. Redden to a criminal information charging him with using the internet to initiate the transmission of the name and address of a minor female with the intent to entice the minor to engage in sexual activity. The maximum penalty for this crime is five years imprisonment with at least three years of supervised release. Sentencing is scheduled for September 11, 2007, and the defendant is out of custody pending sentencing.

Bailey admitted using the internet to obtain information from an individual he believed was a minor female. The court documents show Bailey, while chatting on line with a person he believed to be a 15 year old female, asked the 15 year old to send him personal information over the internet, including her address, with the intent to entice the minor female to engage in sexual activity. The defendant was arrested by law enforcement with Viagra in his pocket at a residence when he arrived to engage in sexual activity with a minor female. The minor female was an undercover police officer and the residence was the location of an undercover â€œCyber Stingâ€• operation. At the time of the arrest, the defendant was wearing his soccer coach tee shirt and advised officers he coached 13-15 year old girls.

This case arose out of a Cyber Sting conducted by the Multnomah County Sheriffâ€™s Office with the assistance of Portland Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in November 2006.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Albero Gonzalez created Project safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect childeren from online exploitation and abuse. Led by United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals, federal, state and local resources to better locate, and apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Pamala R. Holsinger.