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Re: Eureka Man Pleads Guilty to Soliciting Sex with Minor

Date: October 7, 2011

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On October 7, 2011, William Everett Carlson, 68, of Eureka, pleaded guilty to felony Meeting a Minor for Purposes of Lewd and Lascivious Acts. Under the terms of his plea, Carlson forfeited his two laptop computers and will be banned from access to the Internet. Other terms and conditions of the plea will be determined by the Honorable W. Bruce Watson at the sentencing hearing on November 4, 2011.

On September 22, 2011, Humboldt County District Attorney (HCDA) Investigators arrested Carlson after conducting an undercover sting operation that was prompted by Carlson's attempt to solicit sex from minors using the Internet.

"We cannot tolerate sexual predators in our community and will continue to do all we can to keep protecting children," said HCDA Chief Investigator Mike Hislop.

"Parents need to understand that computers are a hidden doorway into their homes," added Humboldt County District Attorney Paul Gallegos. "The Internet offers strangers access to children and parents need to monitor their child's Internet use to keep him or her safe."