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KANSAS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ATTEMPTING TO ENTICE MINOR FOR SEX

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Shawnee, Kan., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to attempting to entice a minor to engage in sexual activity.

Keith D. McGeorge, 46, of Shawnee, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to charges contained in a Feb. 25, 2004, grand jury indictment.

McGeorge admitted that he used the Internet on Jan. 20, 2004, to entice what he believed to be a 13-year-old girl to engage in sexual activity. In reality, Graves said, **McGeorge** had contacted an undercover law enforcement officer in an online chat room.

By pleading guilty, **McGeorge** also agreed to forfeit to the government an E-Machine computer, a Dell laptop computer, an IBM Travelstar hard drive and an Argus digital camera.

Under federal statutes, **McGeorge** could be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 30 years in federal prison, plus a fine up to \$250,000. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Katharine Fincham. It was investigated by the Platte County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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