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**PRESS RELEASE**

## **Alleged Internet Predator Arrested by AG Madrid's ICAC Unit**

(Albuquerque, NM)— Attorney General Patricia Madrid's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Unit on Thursday arrested Jeramie Dante, 33, who is charged with one count of 4<sup>th</sup> degree Child Solicitation by Computer.

Attorney General Madrid said, "This case is an example of how reckless some of these Internet predators can be. When my ICAC investigators started receiving instant messages from Dante, they discovered he had put his real name into his online profile. All my investigators had to do is confirm his name and his residence and he was arrested shortly thereafter. But not all Internet predators are this easy to find. I once again urge all parents to monitor what your children are doing online and keep an open dialogue with your child. This is the best way to prevent your child from becoming a victim of a cyber predator."

During an online chat session on the Yahoo! Instant messaging service, an ICAC agent posing as a 12 year old girl received messages from a user with the screen name "wiccanprince1982." Between May 3 and May 12, 2006, the agent received several sexually explicit instant messages from wiccanprince1982. The messages from wiccanprince1982 described what he would like to do to the "girl" and suggested they meet in person for sex at his residence. Dante, going by his screen name, disclosed that he was 32 years old, lived near Montano and I-25, and sent photographs of himself and his body parts. Dante also allowed the supposed 12 year old girl to view his live web cam in which he masturbated in front of the camera.

The two scheduled to meet on May 9, but Dante did not make an appearance. Two days later, during the course of conversations, Dante asked for another opportunity to meet the "girl" and another meeting was scheduled for May 12. Dante again did not appear. May 16, the agent received a set of messages from Dante, who was using the screen name "shattered\_dreams8899." Dante told the agent he would teach her how to have sex.

Using the photographs Dante took of himself and matching them to MVD records, ICAC Investigators were able to confirm Dante's identity and address. On May 18, special agents from the Attorney General's ICAC Unit approached the apartment where records show Dante was residing. When Dante opened the door, agents serving a search warrant were able to match items in Dante's apartment to items contained in photographs he had sent of himself to the "girl" to which he was sending instant messages. He was arrested by ICAC Agents and taken into custody. Dante is being held on a \$50,000 cash only bond.

Information provided by Dante's Internet Service Provider leads investigators to believe that Dante has used other screen names to sexually solicit other underage victims. Attorney General

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Madrid asks parents and children to file a report with her office if they have had contact with any of the following screen names: (All are "Yahoo!" screen names unless otherwise noted)

- crazycowboy700
- crazycowboy9988
- crazycowboy702@aol.com
- hellboy19821
- vampireprince\_1982
- wiccanprince1982
- shattered\_dreams8899
- shattered\_dreams9105
- jeramie9105

To file a complaint, call the Attorney General's ICAC Unit at (505) 222-9000 or log onto [www.NMCyberSafety.org](http://www.NMCyberSafety.org). Reports may be filed anonymously.

Parents who wish to learn more about the dangers of Internet predation can request a free copy of the Attorney General's Internet Safety Guide by calling (505) 222-9000 or visiting the Albuquerque office at 111 Lomas, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor or the Santa Fe office at 408 Galisteo in the Villagra Building. The Guide is also available for download at [www.ago.state.nm.us](http://www.ago.state.nm.us).

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A photo of Dante taken at the time of his arrest is available online at [www.ago.state.nm.us](http://www.ago.state.nm.us) on the Press Releases page.