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**D.A. BROWN: LONG ISLAND CARDIOLOGIST CHARGED IN INTERNET "SEX STING"**  
*Allegedly Tried to Lure Undercover Detective Posing as 14-Year-Old Queens Girl to Meet For Sex*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a Long Island cardiologist affiliated with Winthrop University Hospital in Mineola has been charged with attempting to meet for sexual relations a person he had met online and who he believed to be a 14-year-old girl. The alleged victim was actually a New York City Police Department undercover detective assigned to its Vice Enforcement Division.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant is accused of sending instant messages utilizing America Online and making arrangements to meet an individual who he believed was a 14-year-old girl to have sexual relations. The intended victim was, however, actually an NYPD undercover detective conducting a 'sting' operation. The case underscores the crucial importance of Internet surveillance initiatives by law enforcement to protect children from sexual predators and should serve as a warning to parents to closely monitor their children's Internet access and activities."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Jose M. Poulouse, M.D., 41, of 150 Lincoln Avenue in Mineola, Long Island. The defendant, who maintains a medical practice at 99 Hillside Avenue in Williston Park, Long Island and has privileges at Winthrop University Hospital, is presently being held pending arraignment later today in Queens Criminal Court on charges of second-degree attempted rape, second-degree attempted criminal sexual act, first-degree attempted dissemination of indecent material to minors and attempted endangering the welfare of a child. If convicted, the defendant faces up to four years in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the charges, a NYPD Vice detective was operating in his undercover persona as a 14-year-old girl from Queens and visiting a public chat room on the Internet on the evening of October 2, 2007, when he received an instant message from the defendant, who was using the screen name [pleasuremanforu@aol](mailto:pleasuremanforu@aol). The defendant's message allegedly stated that he was married and "sex starved" and was communicating from his work place on Long Island. Although the undercover officer allegedly identified himself during their conversation as a 14-year-old girl, the defendant continued the instant message conversation by asking if she ever had sex and how did she feel about an interracial relationship, saying, "I mean . . . We are going to do it." The defendant then allegedly transmitted a web link which he described as a "good interracial clip" and then asked, "Looks good? Want it? You and me." The web link was to a free video of a black male and a white female engaging in sexual intercourse. The defendant then allegedly talked about meeting the next day and having another chat later in the evening.

It is additionally alleged that at approximately 8:53 p.m. on October 2, 2007, the undercover detective was contacted once again by instant message by the defendant who complained about his marital sex life, asked whether they could perform oral sex on each other, and asked for details about her apartment and her family's schedule, writing, "I can be there in 30 minutes." The following afternoon, the defendant allegedly again instant messaged the undercover detective and stated that he had gone to the Burger King restaurant located on Northern Boulevard and 222<sup>nd</sup> Street to check it out for their meeting and that he would bring Godiva chocolates with him when they met the following day. He also allegedly gave her his cell phone number so that she could call him.

It is further alleged that at approximately 4:10 p.m. on October 4, 2007, the undercover detective and other members of his team were in the vicinity of the Burger King restaurant when another undercover officer posing as a 14-year-old girl made several phone calls to the defendant's cell phone. Following these brief conversations, the defendant allegedly approached the undercover with a box of Godiva chocolates and engaged in a brief conversation – during which he identified himself as the person using the screen name pleasuremanforu – before they proceeded to walk away together toward the undercover's purported residence. He was immediately apprehended and, at the time of his arrest, detective allegedly recovered condoms and his cell phone from the defendant.

The investigation and arrest were conducted by the New York City Police Department's Vice Enforcement Division under the supervision of Deputy Chief Brian J. Conroy and the overall supervision of Chief Anthony Izzo of the Organized Crime Control Bureau.

Senior Assistant District Attorney Kateri A. Gasper of the District Attorney's Special Proceedings Bureau, is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Robert D. Alexander, Chief, Computer Crimes Unit, and Anthony M. Communiello, Bureau Chief, and Oscar W. Ruiz, Deputy Bureau Chief, Special Proceedings Bureau, and the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Peter A. Crusco and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Linda M. Cantoni.

It should be noted that a criminal complaint is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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