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**MTA EMPLOYEE CAUGHT IN INTERNET SEX STING**  
**ADMITS TO BEING CYBERSPACE PREDATOR**

*Tried to Lure Undercover Detective Posing as 14-Year-Old Girl to Meet For Sex*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a veteran Metropolitan Transit Authority employee – who has since retired – has pleaded guilty to charges of 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 has now admitted that he sent instant messages over the Internet and made 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 Bruce Boland, 59, of 1872 Bushwick Avenue in Merrick, Long Island. Boland, who worked for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority for 35 years, most recently as a track safety officer, appeared today before Acting Queens Supreme Justice Dorothy Chin-Brandt and pleaded guilty to first-degree attempted dissemination of indecent material to minors. Sentencing is scheduled for November 24, 2009, at which time Justice Chin-Brandt indicated she would likely sentence Boland to four months in jail and five years’ probation. In addition, he must successfully complete the sex offender program he is presently attending and forfeit the computer seized at the time of his arrest.

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 on the Internet at about 7:15 p.m. on the evening of April 2, 2008, when he began receiving instant messages from the defendant, who was using the screen name “totherescue6700.” After the undercover identified himself as a 14-year-old from Queens, the defendant wrote “I’m Bruce, a Dad with daughters 19 and 23. He then wrote that he was married but would like “a lil sweetie to pamper and spoil.” The defendant then wrote explicit messages to the undercover, describing what he would like to do to the teen sexually.

Thereafter, the undercover detective and the defendant had several more Internet conversations between April 2, 2008, and June 18, 2008, during which Boland wrote in explicit sexual terms about his desire to have sex with the 14-year-old girl. The defendant twice made arrangements to meet the girl in Queens, but later cancelled on both occasions.

The investigation was conducted by the NYPD’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.

District Attorney Brown thanked the Office of MTA Inspector General Barry Kluger for its assistance and cooperation during the investigation.

Senior Assistant District Attorney Kateri A. Gasper prosecuted the case under the supervision of Robert D. Alexander, Chief of the District Attorney’s Computer Crimes Unit, and Assistant District Attorneys Anthony M. Communiello, Chief of the District Attorney’s Special Prosecutions Bureau, and Oscar W. Ruiz, Deputy Bureau Chief, 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.

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