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**NYC COLLEGE PROFESSOR 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 an adjunct college professor at five New York City colleges has been charged with attempting to meet for sexual relations a person he had met online and whom 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.

“The defendant is accused of sending to a person whom he believed to be an underaged female sexually explicit messages and web cam images of his genitals,” said District Attorney Brown. “This case yet again 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 Igor Sorkin, 31, of 1415 Avenue O in Brooklyn. Sorkin, who works as an adjunct professor of economics at Barnard College, Pace University and Hunter College in Manhattan, and at Brooklyn College and St. Joseph’s College in Brooklyn, is presently being held pending arraignment in Queens Criminal Court on charges of first-degree attempted dissemination of indecent material to minors and attempted endangering the welfare of a child. If convicted, he faces up to seven years in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the charges, an NYPD vice detective was operating in his undercover persona as a 14-year-old girl from Queens between October 5, 2010, and January 25, 2011, during which time he received numerous instant messages from the defendant, who used the screen names [condor3097@aol.com](mailto:condor3097@aol.com) and [firetiger11235@yahoo.com](mailto:firetiger11235@yahoo.com). The defendant’s messages were allegedly sexual in nature and included video images of his genitals.

At approximately 5:00 p.m. yesterday, Sorkin appeared at a pre-arranged Queens location for what he allegedly believed would be a sexual encounter with the 14-year-old he had been instant messaging. He was taken into custody after approaching a female undercover police officer and conversing briefly with her.

The investigation and arrest were conducted by NYPD Detective Sean Ryan, of the Department’s Vice Enforcement Division, under the supervision of Sergeant Robert Minca, Lieutenant Michael Costello and the overall supervision of Deputy Chief Brian J. Conroy and 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 Robert D. Alexander, Chief, Computer Crimes Unit, and Assistant District Attorneys Anthony M. Communiello, Bureau Chief, 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.

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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