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**NEWS RELEASE**

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA –

Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that Jerry Dock McClain, 66, pled guilty to attempted kidnapping, attempted child-molest, attempted sending harmful matter to a child and attempted distribution of child pornography to a minor. The Honorable John E. Griffin, Jr., sentenced McClain to 5 years, 6 months in state prison. The People were represented by Senior Deputy District Attorney W.R. McKenzie.

Detective Ken Hedrick of the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department created an online persona through the AOL internet service, posing as a 13 year old girl named "Christina." On October 22, 2002, McClain contacted "Christina" via the online chat service of AOL. "Christina" told him that she was only 13 years old, but within the first few minutes, McClain turned the conversation to sex.

Over the course of the next several months, McClain continued to have sexual conversations via chat with "Christina" and she continued to tell him she was only 13. McClain told her he would travel from his home in Texas to California to pick her up and take her away so that they could have sex. He told her he planned to take her to Mexico and that he would dye her hair a different color and bring her clothing to help her look older so that she could not be found. McClain also told her to take all of the photographs of herself from her parents house before she left so that her parents would not have a photo to use for the Amber Alert System.

McClain asked "Christina" to mail him a pair of her panties at his home address. Detective Hedrick sent a pair of panties to McClain. When Detective Russell McWhorter of the Bexar County Sheriff's Department served a search warrant at Mr. McClain's house in Kerrville, Texas, they found those panties displayed in a picture frame.

When McClain arrived in Turlock to pick up "Christina," members of the Sacramento High Tech Task Force, Turlock Satellite office were waiting for him. He was taken into custody and a search of his truck revealed, among other things, a gun, blond hair dye, clothing in the sizes "Christina" wore, and a sexual device.

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