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District Attorney Announces Arrest of Child Predator

(Houston, Tx) Harris County District Attorney Pat Lykos charged an Angleton man with promotion of child pornography for trading lewd videos and images of young children involved in sexual acts. Agustin Figuera, 51, was apprehended by Houston Metro Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force agents after they traced his I.P. address. Agents executed a search warrant at his home Tuesday and discovered images of young children engaging in sexual intercourse and deviate sexual intercourse with adult males.

Lykos credits the ICAC task force with cracking down on the distribution of child pornography by proactively engaging in online chats and searching web sites for predators. "It is a top priority of this office that we find and punish people who victimize the most vulnerable members of society—our children." Other agencies that participated in the task force and apprehension were: the United States Secret Service, the Pasadena ISD Police Department, the La Porte Police Department, the Houston Police Department, the Brazoria County Sheriff's Department, and the Angleton Police Department.

Eric Devlin, Chief of the Child Exploitation Section of the District Attorney's Office, collaborates with police departments throughout the state to catch child abusers. He also warns parents of the dangers of unsupervised children using the Internet. "Many parents do not realize that even gaming systems like Playstation can allow child predators to contact and exploit kids. Make sure to monitor what your children are viewing on the Internet and supervise their use, so they do not become victims."

Figuera remains jailed on \$300,000 bond. (END).