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Attempted Child Molest  
Attempted Kidnapping  
Sending Harmful Matter to a Minor Through the Internet

**SUSPECT:** Richard Duane Nugent **AGE:** 40 (12-14-64)  
**ADDRESS:** Resident of Federal Way, Washington

On 1-14-05 at about 10:30AM, Tacoma, Washington Police officers arrested Richard Duane Nugent for crimes committed during his online interaction with an undercover investigator from the San Jose Police Dept.

In November 2004, San Jose Police Detective David Gonzalez was posing as a twelve-year-old girl in an online chat room when he was contacted by the suspect. The suspect, a resident of Federal Way, Washington, began sending numerous email messages to the "girl." Soon his emails began to include sexually explicit messages and the suspect then began sending numerous photographs of child pornography.

As the suspect continued his relationship with the "girl" he began encouraging her to visit him in Washington so that he could have sexual relations with her. He made plans to arrange for her to come to Washington to be with him. He purchased a bus ticket for her that would take her from San Jose to Tacoma. She was to leave on January 13<sup>th</sup> 2005 and arrive at 10:25AM on January 14<sup>th</sup> 2005.

Detective Gonzalez contacted Detective Rich Voce of the Tacoma Police Dept. and advised him of our investigation. Detective Voce then set up surveillance at the Tacoma Greyhound Bus Station to see if the suspect would arrive to meet the "girl." Tacoma Police Officers were able to spot the 6'5" 260 lb. suspect in the bus station holding a sign with the girl's name on it. He was arrested and taken to the Tacoma Police Dept.

Tacoma Police Dept. Detectives also served a search warrant at the suspect's residence in Federal Way. A computer and other items of potential evidence were seized from the residence. Richard Duane Nugent was booked into the Pierce County Jail on charges of attempted kidnapping, attempted child molest and sending child pornography through the Internet. The suspect had used the screen names [multypass69696@aol.com](mailto:multypass69696@aol.com) and [multiply69@aol.com](mailto:multiply69@aol.com).

The successful conclusion of this case is due in large part to the extraordinary cooperation we received from the Tacoma Police Dept. Although this case began as a San Jose Police Dept. investigation, Detective Voce made arrangements to arrest the suspect, search his residence

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and will now prepare to prosecute the case in the State of Washington. Detectives from the San Jose Police Department's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force are committed to aggressively pursue and investigate any cases of attempted exploitation of children over the Internet and we greatly appreciate the assistance of the Tacoma Police Dept. in the apprehension of this suspect.

Inquiries on this case may be directed to Detective David Gonzalez of the San Jose Police Dept. Child Exploitation Detail/ Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force at 408-277-4102.

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