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Alexander Addison Chesbro, age 25 years old, entered guilty pleas to four counts of the illegal solicitation for sex of one believed to be less than 15 years of age, in violation of Virginia Code §18.2-374.2. He will serve an active sentence of 20 years in the Virginia Department of Corrections.

Prosecuted by Commonwealth's Attorney, Kim Slayton White, the charges resulted from an investigation by the San Francisco University Police Department, the Halifax County Sheriff's Office, the Bedford County Sheriff's Office and the Botetourt County Sheriff's Office. "The assistance and cooperation of all of the law enforcement agencies ensured that the case prepared for trial was a strong one," stated Mrs. White.

At the hearing in Halifax Circuit Court on April 26, 2010, the Commonwealth's Attorney provided a summary of the evidence against the defendant. According to Mrs. White, an investigator from the San Francisco University Police Department, posing as a young girl who was 13 years old, was contacted by **Chesbro**, a Halifax County resident, using a chat room on the internet. Over the course of nearly a month, the defendant contacted the investigator, who he believed to be the 13 year old virgin, over ten times and in many instances proposed that the two engage in sexual intercourse. The defendant also provided illicit photographs of himself to the girl during the chats. During the course of the chats, the defendant indicated a desire to meet with the girl.

The Halifax County Sheriff's Office and the Halifax County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office became members of the Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force approximately a year ago. "The expertise and experience of the investigators involved in the Task Force provide us with invaluable tools to combat these serious crimes against children," stated Halifax County Sheriff Stanley Noblin.

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