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## **Soldier Sentenced for Attempted Transfer of Obscene Matter to a Minor**

The Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS), the investigative arm of the Department of Defense Office of the Inspector General (DoD IG), announced today that Romer Gabutin Bayona, a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Eustis, VA, was sentenced in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond, VA, by U.S. District Judge Henry Hudson to 21 months imprisonment and 3 years supervised probation. Bayona had previously pled guilty on May 16, 2007, to one count of Attempted Transfer of Obscene Matter to a Minor, in violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1470, a felony.

An investigation found that Bayona initiated and engaged in sexually explicit conversations on-line and sexually explicit acts via webcam to an undercover law enforcement officer posing as a 14-year old female.

The investigation was conducted jointly by DCIS; the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, Fort Eustis, VA, and the Madison County, VA Sheriff's Office, Madison, VA. The prosecution was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian Hood, Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond, VA.

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