

I'm good friends with Noel Neff, the SIQ you mentioned.

Not only does he NOT have a criminal record, he was never arrested or charged with a crime until the fbi nabbed him.

When you read the transcripts (as I had access to reading), there are several areas in question from the FBI agent (posing as a 14 year old) that were bait tactics which Noel Neff did not fall for.

The fact that he agreed to meet the kid was the only mistake he made. When the FBI attempted to convince Mr. Neff that Noel should get a hotel room for them, Noel refused and only agreed to meet in a public place and would not go anywhere else with the teenager/fbi agent.

I don't agree with how we allow police to pose as teenagers online; I agree we should stop pedophiles from attacking children, but a teen is not a child and Mr. Neff was never charged with being a pedophile though people like Oprah Winfrey and the media get that confused all the time. Teens should be parented properly and shouldn't have access to online predators. If they do have access from home, then parents should be monitoring their activities.

Get the facts before you condemn someone...just a reminder that he was charged with "Intent to engage in sex with a minor". He didn't actually do anything like the previous pedophile you mentioned.

Posted by: Jeffrey at May 16, 2006 4:33 PM

About those facts you menioned.....

BOSTON - It took a federal jury less than two hours today to convict former Weekly Reader editor Noel Neff on Internet child predator charges.

Neff showed no emotion after the jury returned the guilty verdicts early Thursday afternoon. U.S. District Judge George O'Toole Jr. revoked Neff's bond and marshals led the former children's magazine editor out of the courtroom in handcuffs.

Neff faces a minimum of five year, and up to 60 years, in prison on the charges. He is expected to be sentenced Sept. 14.

The jury found Neff, 47, of Norwalk, guilty on both charges of using the Internet to lure a minor to engage in sexual activity and traveling across state lines to engage in sexual conduct with a minor.

Neff was fired from the Stamford children's publisher after his July 9 arrest in Franklin, Mass., where he allegedly believed he would meet an adolescent named "Chris" he had met online. "Chris" was actually a Boston FBI agent posing as a 14-year-old boy with homosexual feelings.

After Neff initiated contact with "Chris" in April 2005 in an Internet chat room, they began exchanging e-mails and instant messages that were often about sex, according to court testimony this week. In online discussions before July 9, Neff allegedly said he couldn't say he was meeting "Chris" for sex but would let "Chris" make the first move.

When Neff arrived at the specified shopping center in Franklin, instead of meeting "Chris," he was placed under arrest by three FBI agents.

Neff's lawyer argued that his client was not seeking sex from "Chris" and based on evidence presented yesterday, would not have had time to act on the criminal behavior he is charged with.

Neff's lawyer, Francis O'Reilly of Fairfield, said his client never committed a criminal act and was only trying to share his insight as a sexually confused teenager with someone he thought was going through the same experience.

Posted by: Hmmmmmm at May 19, 2006 2:07 AM