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NYS SENATOR ERIC ADAMS PURSUES LEGISLATION IN RESPONSE TO THE “CRAIGSLIST KILLER” AND OTHER INTERNET CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. CRAIGSLIST ANNOUNCES PLAN TO ELIMINATE “EROTIC SERVICES” AND PRE-SCREEN “ADULT SERVICES” SUBMISSIONS.

NYS Senator Eric Adams has introduced a bill to combat “Internet Related Crimes”, transgressions involving persons who commit or abet the commission of a crime facilitated by communicating with the victim of such offenses over the Internet. The legislation significantly increases criminal penalties for Internet predators. Craigslist has responded to pressure by announcing it will pre-screen advertising before posting.

Senator Adams’ statement: *“There has been a dramatic increase in crime involving computers, networking devices, and the Internet. The types of crime that can be committed and the ways in which individuals can be victimized are of extreme concern. The recent ‘Craigslist Killer’ case highlights the fact that cyberspace has become a medium subject to predatory and even violent criminal activity against vulnerable individuals. We must carefully examine and develop appropriate procedures to address and contain this criminal behavior.*

“Computer crime issues have become high profile. Computer devices and the Internet have facilitated offenses ranging from child pornography to the recent ‘Craigslist murder case’. It is critical that Internet users use caution when interacting with strangers and that Internet companies formulate effective safety policies. It should not have taken a grisly murder to induce Craigslist to institute a policy of screening ads before posting them.

*“Legislators have a responsibility to enact measures that enable law enforcement officials to pursue aggressively the predators who abuse cyberspace, and I am introducing **S.5402** to help safeguard the citizens of the State of New York.”*

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