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CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGE YIELDS 18-YEAR SENTENCE

Sexual Exploitation of Step-Daughter Results in Both Federal and State Charges Significant Sentences Imposed in Each Jurisdiction

PORTLAND, Ore. – A man who sexually abused his step-daughter and photographed the abuse was sentenced this morning to 219 months in prison following his plea of guilty to production of child pornography. Chief U.S. District Judge Ancer L. Haggerty imposed the sentence on David Clayton Ellis, 27, formerly of Cornelius, Oregon. The federal sentence will run concurrently with a 20-year sentence imposed in the Washington County Circuit Court following his pleas of guilty to a variety of Oregon state charges, including unlawful sexual penetration, first degree sexual abuse, and using a child in a display of sexually explicit conduct, all of which arose from Ellis sexually abusing his step-daughter.

Following his release from prison, Ellis will be on federal supervised release for five years. As conditions of his supervised release, Ellis must participate in sex offender treatment, must have no contact with minors, must not possess or use any computer, and must not be within 100 yards of places where children congregate (such as schools or playgrounds). He must also register as a sex offender.

On September 6, 2006, a federal grand jury returned an indictment charging Ellis with one count of producing child pornography, one count of receiving child pornography, and one count of possessing child pornography. The counts charging receipt and possession of child pornography were dismissed following Ellis' plea of guilty to the production count, the most serious of the three. The production count carries a maximum penalty of 15 to 30 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

United States Attorney Karin Immergut stated that, "This significant sentence sends a clear and powerful message to those who victimize children - sexual abuse of children will not be tolerated in our society. This case was the result of hard work and close collaboration on the part of federal and state investigators and prosecutors, which

goes to the very core of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide Department of Justice initiative aimed at prosecuting those who sexually exploit children.”

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, the U.S. Department of Justice created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorney’s Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

This case was investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Washington County Sheriff’s Office, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Gary Sussman. For additional information please contact Gerri Badden at 503-727-1033.

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