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Former U.S. AID Regional Supervisory Executive Officer Found Guilty by a Federal Jury on Child Sexual Abuse Charges

(Alexandria, VA) — Paul Douglas Guild, age 65, of Silver Spring, Maryland, who was the former Regional Supervisory Executive Officer for the United States Agency for International Development ("USAID") in Kiev, Ukraine, was convicted yesterday by a federal jury on charges of sexual abuse of a minor, and two counts of assault, both in violation of federal law. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and John Schilling, Special Agent in Charge, Diplomatic Security Service, Washington Field Office, also announced that Guild faces a maximum sentence of 16 years in prison.

According to court documents and proceedings, in the summer of 2007, Guild began tutoring two teenage boys, ages 14 and 15. The tutoring sessions took place inside of Guild's residence in Kiev, Ukraine, which was located on property that was leased by the United States. In early August, 2007, Guild picked up the 15 year-old boy at his home early one morning and took him to Guild's residence, where he engaged in a sexual act with the boy. Guild returned to the United States on August 6, 2007, and was arrested at Reagan National Airport in Arlington County on August 29, 2007.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. Assistant United States Attorneys Patricia Haynes and Benjamin Hatch prosecuted the case on behalf of the United States.