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BROWNSVILLE CALIFORNIA MAN PLEADS GUILTY FOR FAILING TO REGISTER AS SEX OFFENDER

Sacramento– United States Attorney Lawrence G. Brown announced today that NEDD MAX MURPHY, JR. 42, of Brownsville, California pleaded guilty today. The guilty plea was entered before United States District Judge Lawrence K. Karlton to one count of failing to register as a sex offender.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the United States Marshal Service and Cassia County, Idaho Sheriff's Office.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Laurel D. White, who prosecuted the case, MURPHY was required to register as a sex offender because of a 1989 Nevada conviction for lewdness with a child under the age of 14. MURPHY had registered as a sex offender with Idaho authorities in December, 2007, and then again in April, 2008, as he was required to do. Thereafter, he contacted Idaho authorities and indicated he would be moving to Nevada. When Idaho authorities contacted law enforcement in Nevada, Nevada records revealed MURPHY had not registered in any jurisdiction in Nevada.

Thereafter it was learned that MURPHY had moved to Northern California. According to Social Security Administration records, someone reporting to be the defendant called the agency's teleservice center to report that NEDDE MAX MURPHY JR. had moved to an address in Brownsville, in Yuba County California, effective June 6, 2008. Deputies with the U.S. Marshal Service in Sacramento later apprehended MURPHY in Brownsville. It was determined that MURPHY had not registered in any jurisdiction in California following his move from Idaho.

The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Karlton on January 12, 2010 at 9:15 a.m.. The maximum statutory penalty for a violation of failing to register as a sex offender is 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, a five-to-life term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment per count. However, the actual sentence will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables, and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

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