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DAYTONA BEACH MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON FOR SEXUALLY EXPLOITING A CHILD

Orlando, Florida - U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that U.S. District Judge John Antoon, II today sentenced Dennis Brian Devlin (57, Daytona Beach) to 15 years in federal prison for sexually exploiting a minor. The court also ordered Devlin to forfeit his interest in the real property located at 900 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach (Desert Inn), and the computer storage devices, video equipment and other digital media that Devlin used to commit the offense. As part of his sentence, the court also ordered Devlin to pay \$6,000.00 in restitution, and to serve a supervised release term of life upon his release from prison.

Devlin pled guilty on April 27, 2011.

According to court documents, on or about January 20, 2011 and January 22, 2011, Devlin and Michael C. Ehmen (21, Daytona Beach) persuaded a 13-year-old child to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing visual depictions of that conduct. On both days, Ehmen drove the child to the Desert Inn, where Devlin, using an iPhone and video camera, took sexually explicit pictures and video of the child. On February 2, 2011, agents executed a federal search warrant at the Desert Inn where Devlin lived, and found several iPhones and numerous CDs and DVDs concealed in the ceiling

of Devlin's bathroom. Agents conducted a forensic examination of the iPhones and found the sexually explicit images of the child on the iPhone. They also recovered four DVDs which contained sexually explicit video of the child. Agents also found child pornography and/or child erotica images in Devlin's suite and office at the Desert Inn.

Ehmen pled guilty on April 5, 2011 to sexual exploitation of a child. His sentencing hearing is set for August 5, 2011 at 10:30AM in Orlando Courtroom 6 B before Judge Antoon.

The case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, and to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Karen L. Gable.