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FEDERAL JURY CONVICTS MONAHANS MAN OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD

John E. Murphy, Acting United States Attorney, announced that a federal jury in Midland this afternoon found 50-year-old Alan Ray Steen of Monahans, Texas, guilty of Sexual Exploitation of a Child. As a result, Steen faces between 15 and 30 years in federal prison.

Testimony elicited at trial revealed that on April 13, 2009, Steen attempted to video an adult female while she was preparing to tan at the Electric Sun Tanning Salon in Odessa, Texas. The adult female became aware of Steen's attempt and the Odessa Police Department was contacted. A forensic examination of the digital video camera revealed that on April 3, 2009, Steen caused a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing visual depictions of such activity.

Steen remains in federal custody. Sentencing is scheduled for 8:00am on January 6, 2010, before United States District Judge Robert Junell.

This investigation was conducted by the Odessa Police Department. Assistant United States Attorneys Brandi Young and John Klassen are prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

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