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TWO SAN FRANCISCO MEN CONVICTED OF PRODUCTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND OTHER CHILD EXPLOITATION CRIMES INVOLVING FAIRBANKS MINOR

Anchorage, Alaska – On Friday, September 26, 2003, San Francisco residents Aaron Paul DeGlanville, age 30, and Theodore Zwang Finucane, age 28, pled guilty pursuant to plea agreements to conspiracy to produce child pornography, production of child pornography and numerous other child exploitation offenses involving a Fairbanks minor. Both defendants were charged in a sixteen-count second superseding Indictment returned by the federal grand jury sitting in Anchorage on September 16, 2003. DeGlanville pled guilty to one count of Conspiracy to Manufacture Child Pornography, four counts of Production of Child Pornography, one count of Travel with Intent to Engage in a Sexual Act with a Minor, one count of Possession of Child Pornography, and one count of Attempted Transportation of a Minor with Intent to Engage in Criminal Sexual Activity. Finucane pled guilty to one count of Conspiracy to Manufacture Child Pornography and four counts of Aiding and Abetting in the Production of Child Pornography.

As part of his plea agreement DeGlanville has agreed to serve a sentence of 30 years imprisonment. Under the terms of his agreement Finucane has agreed to serve a sentence of 7 to 8 years imprisonment.

DeGlanville was initially arrested by agents of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs enforcement in San Francisco, California on February 21, 2003, and Finucane was taken into custody pursuant to an arrest warrant on March 21, 2003. Both have remained in custody in Fairbanks since their arrests.

DeGlanville acknowledged that in June, 2001, he began a relationship with a Fairbanks minor female through Internet email and live chats and through the telephone. After developing this relationship for over one year, on December 28, 2002, DeGlanville traveled from his home in San Francisco to Fairbanks for the purpose of having sex with the minor. Prior to his departure, DeGlanville and Finucane planned and agreed that DeGlanville would videotape the planned sexual encounter for subsequent commercial production. Also prior to DeGlanville's departure, Finucane, formerly a freelance photographer, purchased a 8 mm Sony Digital Camcorder for DeGlanville to take to Fairbanks in order to record DeGlanville's encounter with the minor.

Once in Fairbanks, DeGlanville rented a motel room where he met the minor. During his four-day stay there, DeGlanville had sex with the minor numerous times and recorded the events with the video camcorder that Finucane had provided to him for that purpose.

DeGlanville possessed four 8 mm videotapes of the encounter and brought them back to San Francisco, where the tapes were copied onto VHS format. DeGlanville and Finucane then planned to make additional copies for commercial distribution.

In early February, 2003, DeGlanville attempted to fly the same minor female from Fairbanks to his home in San Francisco in order to pursue additional illegal sexual activity. He purchased an airline ticket for the minor and had the airline issue it for her in a false name. DeGlanville was then arrested prior to the completion of his plan.

DeGlanville and Finucane will be sentenced on December 19, 2003, in Fairbanks before the Honorable Ralph R. Beistline, United States District Judge for the District of Alaska.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Anchorage and the Alaska State Troopers, with assistance from Customs Enforcement agents in Portland, Oregon, San Francisco, and San Diego, California. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven E. Skrocki, U.S. Attorney's Office in Anchorage, and Joseph W. Gerbasi, Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice, Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Washington, D.C.