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**FORMER LAS VEGAS WEB MASTER
SENTENCED FOR CHILD SEX OFFENSES**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, and Andrew G. Oosterbaan, Chief of the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the U.S. Department of Justice, announced that EDWARD PATRICK BRANIGAN, 37, Las Vegas, Nevada, was sentenced yesterday to 14 years imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Sarah E. Barker following his guilty plea to three counts of traveling to engage in unlawful sex with two minor girls living in the Indianapolis area. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Investigation and Customs Enforcement, and Canadian law enforcement and immigration officials.

BRANIGAN was charged by indictment in the Southern District of Indiana on

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November 19, 2003 with two counts of travel to engage in unlawful sexual activity with a girl under the age of 16 years, who was identified in the Indictment by the pseudonym Jane Doe 1. BRANIGAN also agreed to waive indictment by the grand jury and plead guilty to a one count Information which charged that he traveled from Las Vegas, Nevada to Indiana with the intent to engage in unlawful sexual acts with another girl under the age of 16, who was identified in the Information by the pseudonym Jane Doe #2. Before his arrest, BRANIGAN was a photographer and web master for several commercial Internet sites which he operated from his Las Vegas home. Some of these sites featured image and movie files of underage girls in sexually suggestive poses or modeling underwear.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Steven D. DeBrotta and Trial Attorney Dana Gershengorn of the Department of Justice, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker also imposed three years of supervised release following imprisonment. BRANIGAN must also pay over \$24,000 in restitution.

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