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**WOMEN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON
FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD**

NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - January 13, 2012

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced that Rachel Ann Wyly was sentenced today by United States District Court Judge Janis L. Sammartino to serve 300 months in federal prison, followed by 20 years of supervised release, and to register as a sex offender under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act. The defendant has been in custody since her arrest on November 8, 2010.

A federal jury found Wyly guilty on October 6, 2011, following a four-day trial. The jury returned a verdict convicting Wyly of sexual exploitation of a child, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2251(a) and (e). According to evidence presented at trial, Wyly used a cell phone to photograph her husband, Joshua Wyly, sexually assaulting a 6-year-old female child in their apartment in Spring Valley in July 2008. The victim and the victim's father were staying with the Wyly's for a few weeks while the

victim's father was finishing his military service to the Navy. The images were then downloaded to Joshua Wyly's computer which he took aboard the ship he was assigned. In September 2009, while Wyly was deployed, a fellow sailor saw the images on the computer and reported it to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). In May 2010, Joshua Wyly was convicted in military court for rape of the minor and was sentenced to serve 30 years in custody.

United States Attorney Duffy said, "It is difficult to conceive of a more devastating or tragic crime for an innocent child to have suffered at the hands of someone she trusted. These defendants took the victim's childhood from her and now justice has taken their freedom."

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 10CR5097-JLS

Rachel Ann Wyly

In Custody

SUMMARY OF CHARGE

Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2251(a) and (e) - Sexual Exploitation of a Child

INVESTIGATING AGENCIES

Naval Criminal Investigative Service

Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory