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BRIDGEVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON FOR PRODUCTION AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Allan P. Clark, age 38, of Bridgeville, Delaware, was sentenced today to 15 years in prison by Chief United States District Judge Gregory M. Sleet for production and possession of child pornography, in violation of federal law. Clark also was sentenced to 5 years of supervised release, which will commence following his prison term. He also will be required to register as a sex offender in any jurisdiction in which he lives, works or attends school.

In April 2010, a federal jury convicted Clark of nine counts of production of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography. During the trial, the government presented evidence showing that between November 2008 and January 2009, Clark hid a camera cell phone in a bathroom and videotaped a fourteen-year-old girl undressing and getting into the shower. Clark saved each video file on the cell phone. Clark then would re-enter the bathroom and remove the phone while the child victim showered. Delaware State Police detectives also seized a computer from Clark's home on January 22, 2009, which revealed that Clark had surfed numerous teenage sex websites between November 2008 and January 2009 – the same time period during which Clark produced the videos charged in the indictment.

After the imposition of the sentence, United States Attorney David C. Weiss stated, "It is our hope that today's sentence will serve to deter all those who would use modern technology to produce sexually explicit images of children. As Chief Judge Sleet's sentence demonstrates, producers of child pornography will be subjected to very long prison terms."

In May 2006, the United States Department of Justice launched Project Safe Childhood, a national initiative aimed at combating the proliferation of technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation crimes. Under this program, federal, state and local law enforcement seek to coordinate their efforts to efficiently and effectively locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who sexually exploit children and to identify and rescue child victims.

As part of Project Safe Childhood, the Delaware Department of Justice's Child Predator Task Force referred this case to the United States Attorney's Office for federal prosecution in January 2009. This case was investigated by the Delaware State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Edward J. McAndrew.

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