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DAYTONA BEACH MAN SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS IN PRISON FOR SEXUALLY EXPLOITING A CHILD

Orlando, Florida - U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that U.S. District Judge John Antoon, II today sentenced Michael C. Ehmen, 21, of Daytona Beach, Florida, to 7 years in federal prison followed by 180 days of home confinement for sexually exploiting a minor. As part of sentence, the court also ordered Ehmen to pay \$6,000.00 in restitution. After his release from prison, the United States Probation Office will supervise Ehmen for 20 years pursuant to the court's order.

Ehmen pled guilty on April 5, 2011.

According to court documents, on or about January 20, 2011 and January 22, 2011, Ehmen, persuaded a 13 year-old child to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing visual depictions of that conduct. On both days, Ehmen drove the child to the Desert Inn in Daytona Beach, Florida, where Dennis Devlin, age 57, Daytona Beach, Florida, using an iPhone and video camera, took sexually explicit pictures and video of the child. Devlin paid Ehmen for bringing the child to him and for engaging in sex acts with the child. On February 2, 2011, agents executed a federal search warrant at the Desert Inn suites where Devlin lived, and found several iPhones and numerous CDs and DVDs concealed in the ceiling of Devlin's bathroom. Agents conducted a forensic

examination of the iPhones and found the sexually explicit images of the child on the iPhone. They also recovered 4 DVDs which contained sexually explicit video of the child. Agents also found child pornography and/or child erotica images in Devlin's suite and office at the Desert Inn.

On August 5, 2011, Devlin was sentenced to 15 years in federal prison. After his release from prison, Devlin will be on supervised release for the rest of his life pursuant to the court's order.

The case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorney's Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, and to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Karen L. Gable.