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FORMER RADIO DISK JOCKEY SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON FOR USING THE INTERNET TO LURE UNDERAGE GIRLS

SHREVEPORT, La.: Heath Edward Hill, a former radio disk jockey, was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison for using the internet to lure underage girls for sex, United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced. Hill, 32, of Shreveport, Louisiana, was sentenced last Friday by United States District Judge Tom Stagg. In addition to the 10-year prison sentence, Hill will be on supervised release for the rest of his life following release from prison.

Heath "Randy" Hill pleaded guilty on September 17, 2009 to attempted coercion and enticement. In February 2009 the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office learned that an underage juvenile and her friend had been sexually solicited online. The defendant, using the name "DJ Skinny," sent My Space messages to the juveniles asking for nude pictures in exchange for concert tickets through the radio station where he worked. The Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office began an undercover operation and continued to converse with the defendant by taking control of the juveniles' My Space page. During the time the undercover operation was conducted, Hill promised the juveniles concert tickets and alcohol for sex. They agreed upon a meeting location, and Hill was arrested when he arrived.

United States Attorney Washington stated: “This office is completely dedicated to using the full force of federal law to bring to justice those who sexually exploit our children. The blunt force of child exploitation must be met by vigorous investigations and prosecutions seeking maximum punishment.”

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys’ Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as 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, the Caddo Parish Sheriff’s Office and the Northwest Louisiana Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Earl M. Campbell.

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