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Ellendale Man Sentenced on Child Pornography Charge

FARGO, October 3, 2008 - United States Attorney Drew H. Wrigley announced that **Faun Durni** of Ellendale, North Dakota, was sentenced by United States District Court Judge Rodney S. Webb to serve 14 years in federal prison for receiving volumes of child pornography in which children as young as three years old were forced to engage in oral sex and endure vaginal and anal penetration.

Durni, 54, pleaded guilty on June 11, 2008, to receiving numerous child pornography images which he had downloaded onto his computer over the internet.

“Faun Durni and others like him create a profit motive for young children to be sexualized, molested, raped, and sodomized,” said United States Attorney Drew Wrigley. “We pledge to continue our efforts to protect kids by imprisoning those who seek to make this deplorable exploitation profitable.”

Durni was also ordered to be placed on supervised release for 10 years following his 14-year prison sentence, and he must pay a special assessment to the Crime Victim’s Fund.

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The case was investigated by the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

This case is being prosecuted as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices, 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.

. Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Klemetsrud Puhl prosecuted the case.

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