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## **NEVADA, MO., MAN SENTENCED FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Nevada, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today on child pornography charges.

**Raymond Houdeshell**, 41, of Nevada, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this afternoon to five years in federal prison without parole for producing child pornography. The court also ordered **Raymond Houdeshell** to forfeit to the United States all computer-related equipment – including two Compaq Presario computers; a Polaroid digital camera, an RCA camcorder; two videocassette recorders – and all paraphernalia (including costumes and props) involved in the production, distribution or possession of child pornography.

**Raymond Houdeshell** was among three defendants charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield on Oct. 24, 2001. Two co-defendants in the federal indictment have also pleaded guilty and were sentenced earlier this month. In addition to their sentences, all three defendants are jointly and severally liable with **Gary Lee Smith**, 37, of Jefferson, Georgia, a defendant in a separate but related case, for restitution to the victim in the amount of \$20,800.

**Diane K. Houdeshell**, 40, of Nevada, Mo., the wife of **Raymond Houdeshell**, was sentenced on Nov. 10, 2003, to seven years in federal prison without parole for producing child pornography. The court also ordered **Diane Houdeshell** to forfeit to the United States all computer-related equipment and all paraphernalia involved in the production, distribution or possession of child pornography.

On March 29, 2003, the **Houdeshells** pleaded guilty to one count of using a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing visual depictions of such conduct.

**Fred M. Frakes**, 36, of Schell City, Mo., was sentenced on Nov. 10, 2003, to two years in federal prison without parole for receiving child pornography. On March 29, 2003, **Frakes** pleaded guilty to one count of receiving through the mail and the Internet visual depictions of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

By pleading guilty, **Diane Houdeshell** admitted that on two separate occasions between May 1, 1999 and May 10, 2001, she took a series of photographs of a 12-year-old minor in her home. These visual depictions captured the minor nude and engaging in sexually explicit conduct. **Diane Houdeshell** persuaded the minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing these visual depictions of such conduct, which were mailed outside the state and eventually appeared on Internet Web sites. **Diane Houdeshell** also admitted that, on a third occasion, she took a series of photographs of a 12-year-old minor in her home. These visual depictions captured the minor clothed in sexually suggestive undergarments and, in some frames, engaging in sexually explicit conduct. **Diane Houdeshell** persuaded the minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing these visual depictions.

By pleading guilty, **Raymond Houdeshell** admitted that he assisted his wife in staging a series of photographs of a 12-year-old minor at their home between May 1, 1999 and May 10, 2001. These visual depictions captured the minor clothed in sexually suggestive undergarments and, in some frames, engaging in sexually explicit conduct. **Raymond Houdeshell** used the minor and posed with the minor engaging in the sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing the visual depictions.

By pleading guilty, **Frakes** admitted that, between February 17, 2001 and April 6, 2001, at his home in Vernon County, he knowingly and intentionally obtained over the Internet, from an individual operating a Web site in Chicago, Ill., an image of the 12-year-old girl victimized by the **Houdeshells**, who was nude and engaging in sexually explicit conduct. In order to obtain that image, **Frakes** submitted three photographs of a 14-year-old minor to the individual in Chicago.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Katharine Fincham. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Vernon County Sheriff's Department.

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