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## **FORSYTHE, MO., MAN SENTENCED FOR PRODUCING CHILD PORN**

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

**Danny Ray Lee, Sr.**, 53, of Forsyth, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this afternoon to 17 years and six months in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Lee** to pay \$8,320 in restitution to the victim's parents, the Missouri Crime Victims Compensation Fund, the Child Advocacy Center, the Missouri Department of Health, and Med-Pay.

On June 17, 2003, **Lee** pleaded guilty to a federal indictment that was returned by a grand jury on April 4, 2003. **Lee** admitted that he persuaded or coerced a 13-year-old female to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct on between March 1 and Aug. 13, 2002, in Taney County, Mo.

**Lee** photographed the minor female on several occasions using a digital camera, Graves said, and used a Web camera to make short movie-type images of the minor female engaged in sexually explicit conduct. **Lee** stored the digital photos on his computer equipment and on computer disks, some of which he burned in an effort to destroy evidence against him when he learned that his conduct had been reported to law enforcement officials.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rose A. Barber. It was investigated by the Taney County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the United States Secret Service, the United States Customs Service and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

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