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INDICTMENT FILED AFTER CYBER TIP RESULTS IN DISCOVERY OF 30K IMAGES, VIDEO OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced a grand jury indictment has been filed against Shawn Martin, 49, in connection with a child pornography investigation.

The grand jury indictment charges Martin with 10 counts of encouraging child sexual abuse in the first degree and five counts of encouraging child sexual abuse in the second degree.

According to a probable cause affidavit filed in Multnomah County Circuit Court on Friday, April 13, 2018, a video uploading website discovered that a user was uploading child pornography onto his account. Martin was on post-prison supervision for numerous prior Ballot Measure 11 convictions related to sex crimes.

A cyber tip was received that resulted in the seizure and subsequent search of two of the defendant's laptops, according to court documents.

The probable cause affidavit states that a digital forensic exam of the two computers revealed more than 30,000 images and videos of child pornography. These were pictures and videos of children in sexually explicit situations including kids being raped and molested by adults. The age of the depicted children ranged from infants (less than a year old) to toddlers (between 2-4 years old) to prepubescent children (5-11 years old).

The court documents further allege that the defendant's laptops contained written stories of child molestation fantasies that were downloaded from the internet, written manuals that gave tips on how to have sexual encounters with children downloaded from the internet, and other explicit written literature.

The defendant in this case made his first court appearance on Friday, April 13, 2018 in Multnomah County Circuit Court. Martin's next court date is scheduled for April 23, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the Multnomah County Justice Center, Courtroom Number 3.

Media: A copy of the charging documents and probable cause affidavit filed in this case can be obtained through the Oregon eCourt Case Information (OECI) system under case number 18CR24980.

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