

Gresham father sentenced to 50 years in porn case involving daughters, 2 and 10

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PORTLAND, Ore. — A 35-year old Gresham man was sentenced today to 50 years in federal prison after he pleaded guilty to production of child pornography in U.S. District Court. Mark Allyn Hoffman was part of a ring of fathers throughout the country who were sexually abusing children in their care and sharing images and videos online, the FBI said. Some of the pornography portrayed Hoffman's then two- and ten-year-old daughters either nude or engaged in oral and/or sexual intercourse with their father.

Mark Allyn Hoffman will serve 50 years in federal prison

The federal investigation began in 2006 when an undercover online police officer, working with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, received child pornography videos from Kenneth Rich, a Florida man. The videos depicted the sexual molestation of Rich's five year old daughter. After his arrest, Rich provided information that led agents down a long trail of fathers and guardians across the country who were sexually abusing minor female children in their care. The fathers were communicating with one another online and sending child pornography images and videos through the internet. Rich was sentenced to 23 years in federal prison after conviction on sexual exploitation of children and for distribution of child pornography.

Eventually, Douglass Bartlett of Pennsylvania, who was sentenced to serve 160 months in federal prison for his conviction on distribution of child pornography, provided information about Hoffman and his then two- and ten-year-old daughters. Bartlett described the images sent to him by Hoffman, which included pictures and videos of Hoffman's minor daughters either nude or engaged in oral and or sexual intercourse with Hoffman.

Search warrants were executed at Hoffman's residence on November 6, 2007 and February 12, 2008. Agents seized numerous images from disks and Hoffman's computer depicting all three of his minor children engaged in various sexual acts. A forensic exam of Hoffman's computer showed more than 6,000 child pornography images, 60 of the images were directly attributable to the three children identified during the search. Investigators found additional child pornography on CDs and removable media as well. Based on items seen in the background of the pictures, investigators were able to verify that some of the pictures were taken in Portland and some were taken in Clark County, Washington.

Hoffman fully confessed to agents to engaging in sexual acts with one of his minor daughters beginning when she was two years old. He also admitted to using his cameras and computer to produce and transport child pornography images of both his daughters through the internet.

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