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Minot Man Sentenced for Possession of Child Pornography

FARGO – Acting U.S. Attorney Christopher C. Myers announced that on September 22, 2015, **Terry Michael Davis**, 47, Minot, North Dakota, was sentenced before U. S. District Judge Ralph R. Erickson to serve 30 months of incarceration, followed by 5 years' supervised release on one count of Possession of Child Pornography.

This case came to the attention of law enforcement after an adolescent-aged female discovered a covert-recording device disguised as a pen in Mr. Davis's bathroom during a Super Bowl party in February 2015. The young girl seized the device and eventually provided it to law enforcement, who obtained a search warrant for the pen. A search of the recording device revealed 10 videos including a video of Terry Davis setting up the device in his bathroom followed by videos of various young women and girls using the bathroom. Based upon this information, law enforcement obtained a search warrant for Terry Davis's residence where they seized various electronic media. A search of this media revealed additional surreptitious videos depicting young girls and women using the shower and the toilet in various bathrooms. Davis admitted to creating these videos.

The case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security - Homeland Security Investigations, the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and the Ward County Sherriff's Department.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Jennifer Puhl prosecuted the case.

This case was prosecuted as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices, Project Safe Childhood, in conjunction with the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force help federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies enhance their investigative responses to offenders who use the Internet, online communications systems, and/or computer technology to sexually exploit children. The ICAC program is a national network of 61 coordinated task forces engaging in proactive investigations, forensic investigations, and criminal prosecutions. Project Safe Childhood also helps to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

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