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### **Human sex trafficking investigation results in 75 month prison sentence for Christopher Iverson**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill and the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office Human Trafficking Team announced that 50-year-old Christopher Iverson received a 75-month prison sentence for sexually abusing a minor.

Iverson previously pleaded guilty to one count of using a child in a display of sexually explicit conduct, one count of sexual abuse in the first degree and one count of purchasing sex with a minor.

By pleading guilty, Iverson admitted that on or between January 22 and January 23, 2018, he knowingly employed a child to engage in sexually explicit conduct; that he subjected the victim to sexual abuse by touching an intimate part of her body and that he paid money to engage in sexual contact with the minor.

As part of Iverson's sentencing, he will be required to register as a sex offender.

This investigation started in January 2018. The Washington County Sheriff's Office, the agency that investigated this case, learned that when these crimes occurred Iverson was 49 years old and the victim was under the age of 14.

Law enforcement learned that Iverson and the victim had communicated over the internet. During that time, Iverson arranged to meet with the victim, which resulted in him sexually abusing her at a condominium in Portland, Oregon.

"We remain fully committed to identifying individuals who seek to sexually exploit the children of our community. The demand for children is unacceptable, and we continue to aggressively prosecute buyers and traffickers, said Multnomah County Senior Deputy District Attorney JR Ujifusa, who prosecuted this case.

Iverson, who is already a registered sex offender, was convicted of sexual abuse in the third degree and unlawful delivery of marijuana after law enforcement learned that he provided drugs to minors in exchange for sex.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office recognizes the Washington County Sheriff's Office for their dedicated efforts working this case.

This case was litigated by the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office Human Trafficking Team, which includes two attorneys, an investigator and a victim advocate.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office's Human Trafficking Team works to protect victims utilizing a three-prong approach: (1) aggressively prosecuting those who traffic victims to sex buyers; (2) reducing demand for exploitation in all forms to include a dedicated focus on a reduction of sex buyers; and (3) ensuring adequate protection and support for victims of human trafficking.

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