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WEISER MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF A MINOR TO ENGAGE IN UNLAWFUL SEXUAL ACTIVITY

David Eugene Brechbiel, 42, of Weiser, Idaho, pled guilty this morning in United States District Court in Boise to Interstate Transportation of a Minor with Intent to Engage in Unlawful Sexual Activity, the U. S. Attorney's Office announced.

This prosecution arose after the Ada County Sheriff's Department and the FBI conducted an investigation showing that Brechbiel, who is a long-haul trucker, took an eleven-year-old female with him on a trip to Utah during the summer of 2009. Brechbiel admitted in court today that he engaged in sexual contact with the child during that trip. Brechbiel also admitted having engaged in sexual contact with the same child on previous occasions in Idaho before the trip, according to court documents unsealed today.

The federal charge carries a mandatory minimum prison sentence of at least ten years imprisonment, without parole, and a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000, and supervised release for at least five years, up to life, after release from prison.

Sentencing is scheduled for July 26, 2010, at 10:30 AM, before U.S. District Judge Edward J. Lodge in Boise.

"The FBI is committed to vigorously pursuing those who prey on the most vulnerable and innocent members of our society. This case demonstrates the FBI's determination to work with its law enforcement partners to seek justice on behalf of young victims," said FBI Salt Lake City Division's Special Agent in Charge James S. McTighe.

U.S. Attorney Tom Moss praised the diligent work of the Cascade Police Department, the CARES Unit at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, Ada County Sheriff's Department and the FBI. "We cannot be casual in protecting our children. It takes the vigilance of parents, teachers, nurses, police and judges---everyone---to protect our children. When local police, local hospital, and federal law enforcement unite on behalf of a child—as they did in this case—the system is responding at its best."

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