



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 27, 2004

For Information Contact Public Affairs

SANDY RAYNOR

Telephone: (602) 514-7625

Cell: (602) 525-2681

6025252681@message.alltel.com

YUMA MAN SENTENCED TO 25 MONTHS FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND RECEIPT OF OBSCENITY

TUCSON –The U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Arizona announced that on August 26, 2004, Joaquin Elias, age 47, of Yuma, Ariz., was sentenced to 25 months in prison by U.S. District Judge Cindy K. Jorgensen, in Tucson, Ariz.

Elias had entered a plea of guilty to six counts of Possession of Child Pornography and six counts of Receipt of Obscene Matters, in violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Sections 2252A and 1462, respectively.

The charges stemmed from an investigation by agents of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) which involved an undercover agent posing as a 14 year-old girl on the internet. During his multiple conversations with the undercover agent, Elias made reference to his sexual interest in children and animals and his possession of obscene and pornographic pictures. After a search warrant was executed on the defendant’s residence in March, 2002,

-MORE-

agents discovered numerous illegal images on the his computer, including child pornography and bestiality.

Following his release from prison, Elias will be subject to strict terms of supervision and will be required to register as a sex offender in Arizona.

The investigation in this case was conducted by ICE agents in Douglas, Ariz.

The prosecution was handled by Carin C. Duryée, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

CASE NUMBER: CR-03-0866-TUC-CKJ
RELEASE NUMBER: 2004-144

###