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ORANGE MAN SENTENCED FOR USING COMPUTER TO EXPLOIT CHILD

(Beaumont, Texas) A 56-year-old Orange man has been sentenced to 60 months in federal prison for using his computer to persuade, induce and entice a 14-year-old child to engage in sexual activity. **Stephen Young** was sentenced today by United States District Judge Thad Heartfield.

According to evidence, Young began communicating with the child in December, 2003, using the Internet. Young arranged to meet the child at a park in Orange and sexually abused the child. Afterwards, Young tried to contact the child by going to the child's residence. A parent was monitoring the child's computer use and discovered the provocative internet communications. Law enforcement authorities were alerted and determined the messages were coming from Young. Young pleaded guilty to the charges in June 2004.

United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig praised the Orange Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the expedient investigation of this case, "Most importantly, the child's parent wisely monitored the computer usage and immediately contacted authorities. Protecting children from sexual exploitation is a priority and violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

Assistant U. S. Attorney John Stevens prosecuted this case.

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