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PAUL IKARD CONVICTED OF POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND TWO COUNTS OF FELONY VOYEURISM (VICTIM UNDER 18)

Twelfth Judicial District Attorney John P. Sugg announced today that a Doña Ana County jury has found Paul Ikard, age 55, guilty of one count of Sexual Exploitation of Children by possession of child pornography and two counts of Voyeurism (Victim under 18) following a three-day trial before the Honorable Conrad F. Perea. The jury took just two hours to return the guilty verdicts.

Videos created by Ikard were discovered on his computer's hard drive when he sent the hard drive to a private Ohio-based company to be repaired. The company discovered several videos depicting minor children during the repair process and contacted the FBI in Ohio. The matter was referred to the New Mexico FBI office and was eventually handed over to investigators with the Las Cruces Police Department.

Search warrants for the hard drives revealed multiple videos depicting Ikard setting up hidden cameras in different bathroom vents and under sinks. The videos then captured four separate victims using the toilet, showering, and changing clothes. The victims range in age from as young as 9 years old to early 20s.

A subsequent search of Ikard's home led to the discovery of a small digital video camera with velcro strips attached to the camera. Corresponding velcro strips were found mounted to the bathroom vent which were used by Ikard to mount the camera facing the toilet. Ikard's face can be seen on some of the videos while he attempted to mount the camera to the vent cover.

After the guilty verdicts, Judge Perea has Ikard taken into custody to be held without bond pending sentencing. Ikard is facing a maximum of 4.5 years incarceration and life-time registration as a sexual offender. Sentencing will be held in approximately 30 days.

The Twelfth Judicial District Attorney's Office was appointed to handle the case as special prosecutors for the Third Judicial District Attorney's Office. Chief Deputy District Attorney James Dickens and Deputy District Attorney Davis Ruark prosecuted the case.

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