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## Washington State Man Sentenced to 15 Years in Federal Prison for Traveling to Oregon to Sexually Abuse a Minor He Met Online

EUGENE, Ore.—A Washington State man pleaded guilty and was sentenced to federal prison today for traveling to Oregon to sexually abuse a minor he met online.

Seth Lee Fabry, 34, pleaded guilty to coercion and enticement of a minor and was sentenced to 188 months in federal prison and 20 years' supervised release.

According to court documents, in April 2022, Fabry messaged a minor through Discord, a social media platform, after meeting on MeetMe, another social media platform. Undeterred by the minor's age, Fabry engaged in explicit discussions with the minor and persuaded them to send sexually explicit images. In May 2022, Fabry traveled from Washington to Oregon two times and sexually abused the minor.

On May 29, 2022, Fabry again traveled to the victim's residence in Oregon but was met by the minor's mother. She contacted law enforcement and Fabry was arrested.

On October 4, 2022, a federal grand jury in Eugene returned a two-count indictment charging Fabry with sexually exploiting a child and traveling with the intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct.

This case was investigated by the FBI with assistance from the Eugene Police Department. It was prosecuted by Jeffrey S. Sweet, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon.

Anyone who has information about the physical or online exploitation of children are encouraged to call the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324) or submit a tip online at tips.fbi.gov.

The FBI CETF conducts sexual exploitation investigations, many of them undercover, in coordination with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. CETF is committed to locating and arresting those who prey on children as well as recovering and assisting victims of sex trafficking and child exploitation.

Federal law defines child pornography as any visual depiction of sexually explicit conduct involving a minor. It is important to remember child sexual abuse material depicts actual crimes being committed against children. Not only do these images and videos document the victims' exploitation and abuse, but when shared across the internet, re-victimize and re-traumatize the child victims each time their abuse is viewed. To learn more, please visit the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children at <u>www.missingkids.org</u>.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Justice Department to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit <u>www.justice.gov/psc</u>.

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