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Man Convicted of Filming Children in Bathroom of Insurance Business Sentenced to Three Years in Prison

Albuquerque, NM - Today, Attorney General Hector Balderas announced that Second Judicial District Court Judge Brett Loveless sentenced defendant Craig Highfill to three years in the Department of Corrections, followed by an indeterminate period of probation and parole. Highfill was convicted of Sexual Exploitation of Children (Manufacture) after he admitted to placing a video camera in his insurance business' public bathroom he knew to be frequented by children. He admitted to recording at least thirty videos from this camera. He also possessed numerous photos of the clothed intimate areas of both female adults and female children.

“Justice was served sending Mr. Highfill to prison today, but his case is yet another example of why New Mexico must close child exploitation loopholes and increase penalties for horrific crimes like Mr. Highfill’s,” said Attorney General Balderas.

Once the defendant is released from the Department of Corrections, the defendant must register as a sex offender for the remainder of his natural life. As part of his probation he will complete sex-offender specific therapy and will not be permitted to have contact with any children under the age of eighteen.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant Attorney General Jennifer Armijo Hughes, of the Special Prosecutions Division of the Office of the Attorney General.

Please see attached for a photo for Highfill.

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