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**AG Balderas Announces Five-Year Prison Sentence for Repeat Offender
Collecting Child Exploitation Material**

ALBUQUERQUE, NM ---Today, Attorney General Hector Balderas announced that Second Judicial District Court Judge Daniel Gallegos sentenced Curtis Clayton to five years in the Department of Corrections for possession of child exploitation material, which depicted sexual exploitation of a child under 13. Investigators with the Office of the Attorney General conducted a search warrant of Clayton's residence where they found over a thousand images of child sexual exploitation.

"We must protect children from dangerous predators," said Attorney General Balderas. "My office will continue to track down repeat offenders, and ensure that they are held accountable for exploiting children."

This is not the first time that Clayton has been convicted of possessing child exploitation material. Clayton was convicted of the same crime in 2006. Clayton was sentenced to probation, and given a deferred sentence in the 2006 case. Clayton will serve an indeterminate period of supervised sex-offender probation of between five and 20 years upon release from prison. He must also register as a sex offender.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant Attorney General Bryan McKay and investigated by special agents within the Office of the Attorney General.

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