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EVENT: Sentenced

Defendant: Kenneth Stefanski

**PRIOR CONVICTED SEX-OFFENDER SENTENCED
TO 35 YEARS FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY MANUFACTURE**

Kenneth Stefanski, 36 of Garden City, Michigan was sentenced today in Federal District Court to manufacture of child pornography, in violation of 18 United States Code Section 2251, announced United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy.

Stefanski was sentenced before the Honorable Lawrence P. Zatkoff to 35 years in prison to be followed by eight (8) years of supervised release.

In June of 2007, Stefanski entered onto the premises of a church located in Redford, Michigan while a church picnic was underway. While there, Stefanski approached two young girls chasing fireflies, ages 7 and 8, in driveway area, separated from the adults and other children,. Stefanski removed the 7 year old's shorts and underwear and took pictures with a digital camera he had brought with him.

The offense was committed as police from Garden City were preparing to execute a search warrant on his apartment in connection with a sexual assault Stefanski had perpetrated on a 4 year old girl one week earlier in their city. In February of this year,

Stefanski was sentenced to 5 to 15 years in Wayne County Circuit Court for the Garden City Offense.

Stefanski had been convicted of 2nd Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct in 2000 for the sexual assault of a minor. He was also convicted in 2002 of Accosting a Minor for Immoral Purposes.

United States Attorney Stephen Murphy said, "Mr. Stefanski's predatory sexual exploitation of a child and production of child pornography of those acts demonstrate the continuing danger he represents. As a previously convicted sex offender, Stefanski was well aware that this type of conduct will meet with the most serious response from law enforcement. Nevertheless, he committed an offense against a child within a few weeks of completing his term of parole. The United States Attorney's Office is convinced that Judge Zatkoff's 35 year sentence will protect the most innocent of victims, children, from Mr. Stefanski for as long as possible."

"This federal prosecution of Stefanski resulted from a continuing partnership with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office through Project Safe Childhood. This cooperative effort resulted in our prosecution of the federal charges related to the Defendant's production of child pornography. The ability to take advantage of the serious federal sentences available for this type of child exploitation crime and Wayne County's strong response to the child sexual assault offense in Garden City should serve as a strong message to deter others who contemplate the sexual exploitation of children" Murphy added.

Murphy praised the outstanding work of the Redford and Garden City Police Departments as well as Prosecutor Kym Worthy and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. "Their quick response and investigation, as well as the dedication of time and skill necessary apprehend this predator has well served the justice system and the Stefanski's victims.

Assistant United States Attorneys Kevin Mulcahy and John O'Brien prosecuted the case for the United States and Assistant Prosecutor Daniel Less, for Wayne County.

