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## **SELF-PROCLAIMED "KING OF THE PEDOPHILES" PLEADS GUILTY**

ATLANTA -- CHRISTOPHER D. BRANDLON, a/k/a "Clif Winters" and "Lust Prophet," 49, of Portland, Oregon, pleaded guilty today in federal District Court to enticing a minor to engage in criminal sexual activity. From his home in Oregon, BRANDLON hosted various on-line fora in which he espoused the "family lifestyle" which, for him and his followers, meant incorporating children into the sexual activities of adults. In his on-line postings and electronic communications with others, BRANDLON explained his job as being a "purveyor of pleasure, corruptor of youth" and his goal as being "to spread the pedolust mind virus by exposing more people to more real sex by cam, vid[eo] and live interaction." BRANDLON also referred to himself as the "king of the pedos."

United States Attorney David Nahmias said of the case: "This prosecution is a significant milestone in our efforts to combat pedophiles. Christopher Brandlon actively encouraged and empowered others to sexually abuse children all across the country. Getting him offline and off the streets sends a strong message to his followers and others who subscribe to his abhorrent pedophilic views. When he dared to act on those beliefs, we caught him and prosecuted him, and soon he will be sent to prison for a long while."

According to the evidence, BRANDLON struck up an on-line relationship with an undercover FBI agent based in Atlanta who was posing as a mother with a 4-year-old daughter. Over the course of many months, BRANDLON and the "mother" developed a relationship centered around BRANDLON's desire to live the "family lifestyle" with the "mother" and her supposed daughter. In May 2005, BRANDLON flew from Portland to Atlanta to meet the "mother" and begin "cultivating" her daughter for sexual activity. He was arrested at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport.

BRANDLON was indicted on the charge in June 2005. Senior United States District Court Judge Marvin H. Shoob accepted BRANDLON's guilty plea today and set a sentencing date for March 31, 2006, at 2pm. The statutory minimum for the crime is five years in prison and the maximum penalty is 30 years in prison.

This case was investigated by Special Agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its Safe Child Task Force.

Assistant United States Attorney Robert C.I. McBurney prosecuted the case.

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