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**Maryland Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Distribution of Child Pornography in
Garvin County**

[Pauls Valley, December 13, 2022 -] Last night, Mr. Neal Patrick Garith of Maryland was sentenced in the Garvin County District Court to life in prison for the distribution and broadcasting of child pornography via a zoom call to Garvin County, Oklahoma. Mr. Garith broadcasted multiple videos of child exploitation which was detected by Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) who subsequently generated a report regarding that detection. Through that report, we were led to Mr. Garith.

This case is an outstanding example of how ICAC can connect multiple law enforcement agencies to investigating cases across state lines. Had we stopped in Oklahoma, we would not have been able to prosecute Mr. Garith who was in possession of thousands of child exploitation materials.

We are extremely thankful for the collective cooperation between the Garvin County Sheriff's Office, the Maryland State Police, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Internet Crimes Against Children, and the Department of Homeland Security Investigations all of whom aided us in the successful prosecution and sentencing of Mr. Neal Garith to life in prison for broadcasting and distributing child exploitation material in our county.

We want to specifically thank Trooper John Wildman and Special Agent Kelly DiAntonio for making the arrest of Mr. Garith in Baltimore, Maryland and for their tremendous help in the investigation and prosecution of this case. We want to thank Deputies Miles and Buonasera for their diligent investigative work here in Garvin County. Without them, we would have not have had the success that we did.

We are confident and grateful for the justice served in this case although we know that our job is not done. We are continuing investigations to bring down and prosecute any and all child exploitation. Regardless of its origin, child exploitation and its materials will not be tolerated here in District 21.

The District 21 DA's Office serves Cleveland, Garvin, and McClain Counties under District Attorney Greg Mashburn. DA Mashburn's mission is to seek justice, protect communities, and represent those who have been victims of crime.

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