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Bruning Announces Conviction in Child Pornography Case

(Lincoln, Neb.) Attorney General Jon Bruning announced today that Jeffrey Myers, formerly of Blue Hill, has been found guilty of five felony counts of possession of child pornography in Adams County District Court. Each count is a Class IV felony punishable by up to five years in prison and/or \$10,000 in fines.

Myers, a 37-year-old former foster parent, was found guilty of 15 other felony counts on Sept. 30, 2005, including five counts of first-degree sexual assault, three counts of sexual assault of a child and seven counts of manufacturing child pornography. He faces up to 405 years in prison on those charges.

Attorney General Bruning said, "No amount of time in prison can give these children their innocence back. Our objective was to ensure that this sexual predator never again has the opportunity exploit a child. My office will continue to vigorously prosecute any individual who preys on children."

Myers was indicted on all of the charges in July 2004. Judge Terri Harder has set sentencing for 1:30 p.m. CST Monday, Nov. 28 in Adams County District Court.

The case was handled by Criminal Bureau Chief Don Kleine and Assistant Attorney General Matt Enenbach.

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Attorney General Bruning To Talk Internet Safety with Students in Nebraska City

(Lincoln, Neb.) Attorney General Jon Bruning will spend the afternoon with approximately 150 fourth through ninth grade students at Lourdes Central Catholic school in Nebraska City discussing Internet Safety.

The Attorney General will present a program at the school at 2:15 p.m. CST today, Thursday, Nov. 10, that outlines the ways Internet predators track young victims and provide information on how students can stay safe.

Bruning said, "It's important to be aware of what you're disclosing when you're online. What may seem to be an insignificant piece of information can be used to find out a lot about a person."

The Attorney General will caution young people against giving out personal information online, including names, addresses and phone numbers.

"Unfortunately, there are a lot of dangerous criminals out there that use the Internet as a tool to find their next victim," he said. "You may think you're talking to a peer when in reality he or she may be a convicted, middle-aged sex offender."

For additional information on how to guard against Internet predators, visit the Attorney General's Web site at www.ago.state.ne.us.

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Bruning Announces Conviction in Douglas County Online Child Enticement Case

(Lincoln, Neb.) Attorney General Jon Bruning announced today that his office has obtained another conviction against an Internet predator in Omaha.

Ryan K. Geiger, 29, was convicted of one count of online enticement of a child, a Class IIIA felony punishable by up to five years in prison and/or \$10,000 in fines, by Douglas County District Court Judge Mark Ashford.

Bruning said, "This is the sixth online enticement conviction we've had in the last 18 months. What that number fails to represent, however, is the actual number of predators who are online every minute of the day looking for their next victim. It's crucial that we educate our children on the dangers that lurk on the Internet."

On July 7, 2004, a Nebraska State Patrol investigator with the Internet Crimes Against Children Unit posed as a 14-year-old girl in a Yahoo! chat room where contact was initiated by the defendant. Geiger initiated a two-hour long conversation laced with sexually explicit language.

Geiger asked the presumed 14-year-old girl questions about her sexual activity/history, what she looked like, what she was wearing, masturbation, birth control and abortion. Geiger eventually asked to meet at an apartment in LaVista for the purpose of engaging in sex. He was arrested upon his arrival.

Sentencing has been set for 9:30 a.m. CST Monday, Jan. 23.

The case was handled by Assistant Attorney General Corey O'Brien.

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An audio clip featuring comments from Attorney General Bruning is available at http://www.ago.state.ne.us/content/sound_bits.html.