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Portland Man Sentenced to Federal Prison for Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Material

PORTLAND, Ore.—A Portland man was sentenced to federal prison yesterday for possessing child sexual abuse material.

Walter Albert Sebaste, 41, was sentenced to 51 months in federal prison and 10 years' supervised release.

"Crimes against children are a priority for my office. Children are the future of our nation. Their abuse is magnified when it is recorded and accessed by criminals such as Walter Sebaste," said U.S. Attorney Scott E. Bradford. "Today's sentence is a reflection of the serious harm caused every time a child's abuse is viewed, and the culmination of the hard work of the FBI and our office to hold abusers accountable."

"Today's sentence reflects the unwavering commitment of the FBI and our partners to protect children and hold child sex offenders accountable," said the FBI Portland Special Agent in Charge Doug Olson. "Our work is driven by the courage of victims, and we stand with them as they seek justice and healing. We are grateful for the partnership of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon in bringing offenders like Walter Sebaste before the court. These crimes cause profound harm, and there is absolutely no place for them in our community."

On September 19, 2025, Sebaste's residence in Portland was searched and his electronic devices were seized. Sebaste was in possession of over 1000 images of child sexual abuse material.

On February 19, 2025, a federal grand jury in Portland returned an indictment charging Sebaste with possession of child pornography.

On April 30, 2026, Sebaste pleaded guilty to possession of child sexual abuse material.

This case was investigated by FBI. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kate Rochat.

Anyone who has information about the physical or online exploitation of children are encouraged to call the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324) or submit a tip online at tips.fbi.gov.

Federal law defines child pornography as any visual depiction of sexually explicit conduct involving a minor. It is important to remember child sexual abuse material depicts actual crimes being committed against children. Not only do these images and videos document the victims'

exploitation and abuse, but when shared across the internet, re-victimize and re-traumatize the child victims each time their abuse is viewed. To learn more, please visit the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children at www.missingkids.org.

This case was brought in collaboration with Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse, launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the DOJ's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.justice.gov/psc.

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