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PORT ORCHARD MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON FOR ATTEMPTING TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL ACTS WITH MINOR CHILDREN

Spokane, Washington – First Assistant United States Attorney Pete Serrano announced that on July 29, 2026, United States District Judge Thomas O. Rice, sentenced Raymond S. Sulak, age 65, of Port Orchard, Washington, to 10 years of imprisonment to be followed by a lifetime of supervised release for the Attempted Online Enticement of a Minor. Judge Rice also ordered Sulak to pay \$28,000 in restitution to multiple minor victims, and a \$40,000 fine.

According to court documents and information disclosed during court proceedings, in late July of 2024, the Washington State Police Missing and Exploited Children's Task Force (MECTF), along with the Spokane Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (Spokane- ICAC), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), and the Chelan and Douglas County Sheriffs' Offices, conducted a multi-day undercover operation in Wenatchee, Washington, aimed at identifying individuals seeking to sexually exploit children online.

From July 25, 2024, to July 27, 2024, Raymond S. Sulak (Sulak) communicated via two internet facilitated communication applications with an undercover law enforcement agent posing as the mother of two girls, aged 9 and 12, living in the Eastern District of Washington. During the communications, the undercover agent was present in Chelan County, while Sulak was located in and around his residence in Port Orchard. Sulak was clear as to his intentions during these communications, going so far as to obtain sexually transmitted disease testing so that the purported mother would allow him to have sexual intercourse with her minor daughters without a condom.

Sulak travelled by motorcycle to Wenatchee on July 27, 2024, for the purpose of sexual intercourse with the two minor girls, to a location specified by the undercover officer. Upon his arrival at the location, Sulak was placed under arrest and searched. Law enforcement officers also obtained a search warrant for Sulak's motorcycle. During the searches, officers located an iPhone, an iPad, a blue penis ring, STD testing results, coconut lubricant, and a male enhancement medication called "Night Man." Sulak was subsequently charged in Chelan County Superior Court. Sulak posted bail and returned to his residence in Port Orchard.

Thereafter, Sulak's iPad and iPhone were forensically examined by HSI forensic staff. The examiners located the chats between Sulak and the undercover officer on the devices, along with image and video files depicting minor children engaged in sexually explicit conduct. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children identified 48 of the files possessed by Sulak as images or videos depicting minor children previously identified by law enforcement in unrelated investigations. Investigators also located other disturbing information on Sulak's devices,

including Sulak's attempts to coordinate the rape of another purported child at a hotel in California with a woman named "Jane." Investigators also located communications between Sulak and a registered sex offender in the Seattle area wherein the two men coordinated the distribution and receipt of their respective child pornography collections.

On February 19, 2025, Sulak was indicted by a grand jury in the Eastern District of Washington for Attempted Online Enticement of a Minor and Possession of Child Pornography.

On February 21, 2025, the Seattle and Spokane ICAC Task Forces, Washington State Patrol MECTF and SWAT units, and HSI agents, located and arrested Sulak at his residence in Port Orchard.

"This investigation highlights the value of proactive investigations to identify sexual predators who seek to abuse children in our community," said First Assistant Serrano. "The cooperative efforts of our federal, state and local law enforcement prevented the sexual abuse of another child and identified image and video files possessed by Sulak depicting the sexual abuse of other minor children. Thanks to our law enforcement team, Sulak will now be behind bars for the next 10 years and will have federal supervision conditions the remainder of his life."

"We will continue to work with our state and local partners to ensure those trying to harm our children are identified and prosecuted," said acting HSI Seattle Special Agent in Charge April Miller. "These are some of the most heinous crimes that someone can do to the most vulnerable members of our community. A sentence like this should send a message that these crimes will not be tolerated."

"While our responsibilities to the public are many, there are few more important than the apprehension of those who would so recklessly and alarmingly harm our children for their own gratifications. The Washington State Patrol thanks our partners in public safety at the Department of Justice as well as the other federal and local agencies who worked together to take this dangerous individual off our streets," said Washington State Patrol Chief John R. Batiste. "We will never stop protecting the most vulnerable in our society - our children."

The case was investigated by the Washington State Missing and Exploited Children's Task Force, the Washington State Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force- Spokane and Seattle, Homeland Security Investigations Wenatchee Office, the Chelan County Sheriff's Office, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the Chelan County Prosecutor's Office. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Laurel J. Holland.

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