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Federal Jury Convicts Wilsonville Man for Possessing and Transporting Child Sexual Abuse Material

PORTLAND, Ore.—A federal jury in Portland found a Wilsonville, Oregon man guilty today for possessing and transporting photos and videos depicting child sexual abuse.

Joshan Rohani, 40, was convicted of one count each of accessing with the intent to view and possessing child pornography, and three counts of transporting child pornography.

According to court documents, in July 2021, Rohani created a user account on Mega, a New Zealand-based cloud storage and file hosting service that enables users to create private chatrooms that can be used to share links to files stored on the service and elsewhere.

In November 2021, as part of a child pornography investigation in North Carolina, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) agents discovered a hyperlink to a Mega chatroom titled "Trade links," where members posted files, folders, and links to files containing child pornography.

As part of their investigation, agents learned that between July and December 2021, Rohani participated in at least 34 chats wherein child pornography was shared. He also posted numerous links containing images and videos of child pornography, providing other members with access to view and download the files. Additionally, agents discovered that Rohani had a previous account that had been suspended by Mega in 2019 due to suspected child pornography activity.

On May 24, 2022, HSI agents executed a search warrant at Rohani's residence. They seized numerous electronic devices and storage media, including an iPad, several computers and iPhones, and multiple external hard drives, USB thumb drives, and SD memory cards. Investigators found child pornography on several of the devices seized from Rohani's residence.

On October 16, 2024, a federal grand jury in Portland returned a six-count indictment charging Rohani with distributing, transporting, accessing to view, and possessing child pornography.

Rohani faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and a lifetime term of supervised release for each count. He will be sentenced on June 2, 2025, before U.S. District Court Judge Karin J. Immergut.

This case was investigated by HSI with assistance from the Newberg-Dundee Police Department and New Zealand Department of Internal Affairs. It was prosecuted by Gary Y. Sussman and Mira Chernick, Assistant U.S. Attorneys for the District of Oregon. Anyone who has information about the physical or online exploitation of children are encouraged to contact HSI at (866) 347-2423 or submit a tip online at <u>report.cybertip.org</u>.

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 as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.justice.gov/psc.

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