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Gibson County Superior Court, cause number 26D01-1006-FD-100

On today's date, Gibson County Superior Court Judge Earl G. Penrod, entered felony convictions and sentenced local criminal defense attorney William R. Wallace, III.

Wallace previously pled guilty pursuant to a plea agreement with the State of Indiana to the criminal offenses of Obstruction of Justice and Possession of Child Pornography, both Class D Felonies. Judge Penrod sentenced Wallace to 18 months. The first 90 days of his sentence was ordered to be served on Electronic Home Detention and the remaining 15 months was suspended to Probation. Wallace was further ordered to perform 50 hours of Community Service, pay a fine of \$250.00 and to successfully complete psychiatric treatment for sexual addiction and/or internet porn addiction. Wallace was also ordered to refrain from accessing the Internet for any reason other than for employment purposes. The Gibson County Probation Department, with the assistance of local law enforcement, was also given permission by the Court to search Wallace's computers at any time in order to determine whether Wallace is abiding by the Court Order to remain off of the Internet. Wallace's felony convictions will be converted to Class A Misdemeanors if he successfully completes his sentence.

This criminal investigation began in March of 2010 when a former client of Wallace's reported to the Gibson County Prosecutor's Office that Wallace had secretly videotaped their sexual encounters without her knowledge or permission. This former client further reported that Wallace had suggested that he would forgive any legal fees she owed him for his representation of her in various legal matters if she would have sex with him. She reported that she only learned about the secret videotapes after Wallace showed the sex tapes to her boyfriend.

The criminal investigation was led by retired Indiana State Police Detective W. W. George. George is now the Chief of Police for the Princeton Police Department. Search Warrants for Wallace's home and a friend's apartment were authorized by Gibson County Circuit Court Judge Jeffrey Meade on April 19, 2010. The search warrants gave George permission to search for any

videotape, DVD or computer video depicting Wallace having sex with his client. While serving the search warrant at Wallace's home, Wallace denied that he had ever had a sexual relationship with his former client and denied having any sex tapes. Wallace later fled from the home while the search warrant was being served at his home. Wallace was then caught stuffing several DVD's and a portable computer hard drive down his pants.

Detective George asked Brad Garnett, a Deputy Sheriff with the Gibson County Sheriff's Office, to conduct a forensic examination of Wallace's computer. Deputy Garnett is a trained computer forensic examiner or computer expert and is a member of Indiana's Internet Crimes against Children Task Force. Deputy Garnett's examination revealed various video footage of Wallace engaging in sexual activity with his former client. The examination also revealed the existence of what Deputy Garnett believed to be suspected child pornography on Wallace's computer. A second Search Warrant was then authorized by Gibson County Circuit Court Judge Jeffrey Meade allowing Deputy Garnett to expand his search of Wallace's computer. During the course of Deputy Garnett's continued forensic examination, utilizing the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's Child Victim Identification Program, child pornography was found on Wallace's computer.

A Gibson County Grand Jury, assisted by Special Prosecuting Attorney, Jonathan Parkhurst, heard testimony concerning this particular criminal investigation and returned Indictments against Wallace on June 16, 2010 charging him with Count 1: Obstruction of Justice, a Class D Felony; Count 2: Possession of Child Pornography, a Class D Felony; Count 3: Patronizing a Prostitute, a Class A Misdemeanor; and Count 4: False Informing, a Class B Misdemeanor.

The Special Prosecutor filed Count 5: Voyeurism, a Class D Felony, on November 30, 2010. This charge alleged that between September and December of 2009, Wallace did "peep into an area where an occupant of the area ... reasonably could be expected to disrobe" and involved the secret videotaping of the sexual encounters between Wallace and his former client. The Indiana Court of Appeals has agreed to review the facts of this particular criminal investigation in order to determine whether those facts warrant the filing of a charge of voyeurism during an Interlocutory Appeal. Wallace has agreed to enter a plea of guilty to that felony charge as well if the Court of Appeals rules in favor of the State of Indiana.

Special Prosecutor Parkhurst has shared the information developed as part of this particular criminal investigation with the Indiana Supreme Court's Disciplinary Commission. The Disciplinary Commission was notified when Wallace was Indicted or charged with the various criminal charges and will now be notified that he has been convicted and sentenced by the Gibson County Superior Court. It will be up to the Indiana Supreme Court to decide what affect Wallace's conviction and sentence will have on his license to practice law in the State of Indiana.

Special Prosecutor Parkhurst stated, "I want to personally thank Police Chief W. W. George, Deputy Brad Garnett, the Indiana State Police, the Gibson County Sheriff's Office, the Princeton Police Department and the men and women who served as Gibson County Grand Jurors for all of the hard work involved in bringing William R. Wallace to justice today."