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NEWS RELEASE

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From: Patty Perlow, District Attorney

RE: On December 2, 2020 Dr. Craig Steinberg was sentenced to 15 years in the Department of Corrections. He had previously entered guilty pleas to 15 counts of Encouraging Child Sexual Abuse in the First Degree. Dr. Steinberg was a child psychologist in private practice at the time of his arrest. He had previously worked in the Bethel schools, Springfield Schools and at SCAR Jasper Mountain.

Dr. Steinberg was investigated by the Springfield Police Department. Investigators learned during their investigation that Dr. Steinberg had been both downloading and then sharing a significant volume of child sexual abuse images and videos for a number of years.

The Lane County District Attorney's Office is committed to protecting children in our community, which includes prosecuting perpetrators who collect child abuse images and videos. The collection and distribution of child sexual abuse images impacts the children whose sexual abuse is now captured on film and permanently memorialized on the internet. Dr. Steinberg was in a position of trust in the community and was charged with treating vulnerable children in this community, many whom had suffered the trauma of sexual abuse themselves. For those reasons, the Lane County District Attorney's Office sought a sentence commensurate with that conduct, which he received after sentencing.

Any additional questions regarding this case and press release can be directed to Sr. Prosecutor Katherine Green
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