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NEWS RELEASE

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Details: Owner of Happy Trails Feed & Tack Sentenced to 495 Months Prison for Repeated Child Sexual Abuse

On June 3, 2025, Lincoln County Circuit Court Presiding Judge Sheryl Bachart sentenced Daniel Stuebgen (54-year-old) to 495 months (41.25 years) in prison for repeated sexual abuse of a 12-year-old child, who volunteered at Green Acres Beach & Trail Rides (Pacific City) and Happy Trails Feed & Tack (Lincoln City) in 2023, two businesses owned by Stuebgen and his ex-wife, Teresa Stuebgen.

Judge Bachart sentenced Stuebgen to a total of 495 months at the Department of Corrections for the convictions of 4 counts of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, 3 counts of Rape in the Second Degree, 2 counts of Sodomy in the Second Degree, and 4 counts of Using a Child in Display of Sexually Explicit Conduct, all ORS 137.700 Measure 11 offenses.

On May 1, 2025, after a five-day trial, Stuebgen was found guilty by a 12-person Lincoln County jury of nine separate incidents of child sexual abuse (five sexual assaults and four photographs of child sexual abuse material). This case began in August 2023 when the Lincoln City Police Department (LCPD) received a tip from the Child Abuse Hotline, which raised concerns regarding a sexual relationship between Stuebgen and a child volunteer at Happy Trails Feed & Tack. On August 11, 2023, LCPD and Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) responded and began investigating the allegations. While the investigation was pending, Stuebgen was advised by LCPD to not have any contact with the child, however, approximately a month later, the child was reported as a runaway and located at Happy Trails Feed & Tack, Stuebgen's place of business and residence. Evidence demonstrated that Stuebgen was actively trying to conceal the child from police and had assisted the child in running away.

At sentencing, Judge Bachart stated, "There is no sentence that I am going to impose today that is going to be proportionate to the harm that your actions inflicted on the victim in this case... This was a vulnerable child, and you exploited those vulnerabilities for a sexual purpose. You were able to get away with it for a very long time. I don't know how long this would have gone on if she hadn't found the courage to report. Even when you knew the investigation was pending, you still continued to pursue her." Stuebgen declined to make any statement at sentencing.

This case was prosecuted by District Attorney Jenna Wallace and investigated by Detective Bud Lane, LCPD. The District Attorney's Office would like to thank Detective Lane for his relentless commitment to investigating crimes against children to ensure justice, accountability, and community safety. Detective Lane brings decades of experience in child sexual abuse investigations that was vital to successful prosecution. The District Attorney's Office would also like to thank the Lincoln City

Police Department for prioritizing sexual abuse investigations to not only end abuse, but to protect vulnerable populations from predators in our community.