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**Man Convicted of Multiple Counts of Sexual Exploitation of Children**

Following a two-day trial, a Douglas County jury returned a verdict convicting fifty-five-year-old Ronnie Price of ten counts of sexual exploitation of children. The prosecution team was led by Senior Assistant District Attorney Robert Schollmeyer and assisted by Assistant District Attorney Victoria Hicks. Judge Cynthia Adams presided over the matter.

On October 17, 2018, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) received a cybertip that a Tumblr user was posting sexually explicit photos and videos of juveniles on their profile. Tumblr is a social media app. NCMEC sent the tip to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) for investigation. The GBI sent the tip to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office after learning the IP address for the Tumblr user was associated with a residence within Douglas County.

A search warrant was executed on the residence to recover any cell phones or computers. During the search, two cellphones and a computer were seized which were found to possess explicit images and videos of child sexual abuse. The residents were interviewed by law enforcement during their investigation about the email address and Tumblr username identified in the NCMEC cybertip. The Tumblr account, cell phones, and computer containing the sexually explicit material of young children were determined to be owned and used by the defendant, Ronnie Price. Mr. Price was subsequently arrested by law enforcement for sexual exploitation of children.

Douglas County District Attorney Dalia Racine stated, "The possession and sharing of child pornography continues to violate and traumatize the child victims depicted in these horrific images. We cannot treat the documentation of the sexual abuse of children lightly. Those that possess and share this type of material will be held accountable in our community."

After hearing all the evidence and testimony, the jury convicted Price on ten counts of sexual exploitation of children. The court will sentence Price at a later date. Price is facing a maximum of 100 years in prison.