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## MAJOR LOS ANGELES PRODUCER INDICTED

### FOR DISTRIBUTING OBSCENE MATERIAL

The Department of Justice today announced that a federal grand jury in the Northern District of Oklahoma has returned a five-count indictment charging Sidney Niekerk, Jack Gallagher, and Cal Vista Ltd. (Cal Vista), of Van Nuys, Calif. with interstate transportation of obscene material and conspiracy.

Attorney General Dick Thornburgh praised U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma, Tony Graham, special agents of the FBI in Tulsa and Los Angeles, and officers from the Tulsa and Los Angeles police departments who conducted the investigation that led to the indictment.

"This indictment stakes out our commitment to aggressively pursue large-scale producers of illegal hard core pornography. Many of them are distributing obscene materials in virtually every state in the nation -- and they will be pursued in every state in the nation," Thornburgh said.

"This indictment is the first to result from a series of 24 searches conducted earlier this year by the FBI and the Los

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Angeles Police Department (LAPD) against Los Angeles-based producers of nationally distributed hard core films."

The indictment, filed in U.S. District Court, alleges that the corporation, Cal Vista; its president, Niekerk; and vice president, Gallagher sold certain obscene videotape cassettes and shipped them via United Parcel Service (UPS) from Van Nuys, Calif. to Broken Arrow, Okla. Cal Vista operates nationally and internationally under the names Cal Vista Ltd., Cal Vista International, and Cal Vista Direct.

The videotape cassettes named in the indictment are: "Sorority Pink," "Sorority Pink II," "Backdoor Lust," and "Awesome (Loose Latue)." The films are sexually explicit in nature and depict graphic scenes of vaginal, anal, and oral intercourse, as well as group sex, lesbianism, and oral sodomy scenes.

U.S. Attorney Graham said, "The investigation and prosecution of those involved with the distribution of obscene material in this district continues to be one of the highest priorities of this office. Such conduct is not acceptable in the Northern District of Oklahoma."

Niekerk and Gallagher face maximum penalties upon conviction on all counts of 25 years imprisonment and a \$1.25 million fine.

The Cal Vista corporation faces a maximum penalty of \$2.5 million.

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The indictment is part of an ongoing operation being coordinated by the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, formerly the National Obscenity Enforcement Unit, and U.S. Attorney offices throughout the country.

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