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## National News Briefs; Utah Polygamist Gets Up to 10 Years for Incest

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A judge today sentenced a prominent polygamist to up to 10 years in prison for having sex with his 16-year-old niece.

The judge, David S. Young of Third District Court, ordered David Ortell Kingston, who is believed to be a leader in Utah's most prominent polygamist group, to serve two consecutive terms of up to five years each for incest and unlawful sexual conduct with a minor. Judge Young also fined Mr. Kingston \$10,000.

Mr. Kingston, 33, was convicted on June 3 after his niece testified that she married him secretly. She said that she was his 15th wife and that they had sex four times.

The girl's father, John Daniel Kingston, is serving 28 weeks for beating his daughter for running away from her uncle.

The two brothers are sons of John Ortell Kingston, the late leader of the Latter Day Church of God, a Mormon splinter group with about 1,000 members and a \$150 million business empire in six Western states.

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