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FLORIDA CORPORATION PLEADS GUILTY TO TRANSPORTATION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND CONSPIRACY TO PRODUCE CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

President and Director of Corporation Pleads Guilty to Money Laundering

WASHINGTON – Webe Web Corporation, a Florida corporation and the registered owner of several websites, pleaded guilty yesterday to one count of conspiracy to produce child pornography and 16 counts of transporting child pornography, announced Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer of the Criminal Division and U.S. Attorney Joyce White Vance of the Northern District of Alabama. Marc Evan Greenberg, 45, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and the president and director of Webe Web, also pleaded guilty yesterday to one count of money laundering.

Webe Web Corporation and Greenberg pleaded guilty before U.S. District Court Judge C. Lynwood Smith in the Northern District of Alabama.

According to court documents, Webe Web was the registered owner of the website "www.childsupermodels.com," which purported to be a child modeling website that promoted models 7 through 16 years old and their photographers. It contained hyperlinks to websites containing photographs of individual "child super models" featuring minor female children in various poses and wardrobes.

Greenberg and Webe Web admitted that the websites pertaining to 16 different children contained illegal images of child pornography. In some of the photos, the victims, all girls aged 8 to 15, were wearing underwear, lingerie, bathing suits and other revealing outfits, and were posed in positions that constituted child pornography.

According to court documents, viewers of the websites could preview a certain number of images for free on the website homepage. If viewers wanted to join the website to access additional photographs, they could purchase a 30-day membership for approximately $30 per month. Greenberg and Webe Web admitted that the websites depicting the sixteen victims generated approximately $1 million in revenue.

Webe Web also admitted that it promoted subscriptions to these individual sites through its free advertising website known as Babble Club. On Babble Club's website, members could receive a free sample of images of the children. According to court documents, the website encouraged the purchase of subscriptions to the individual websites of the children, and hosted

discussion boards and groups which were devoted to each individual website. Babble Club members made postings to the discussion boards, which included comments on specific images they liked, the type of clothing and poses they liked, and poetry written to the photographed child. Certain members posted expressions of fondness and devotion for a photographed child.

According to court documents, the photographs of the 16 victims in this case were taken by Jeff Pierson, a former photographer based in the Birmingham, Ala., area. Pierson pleaded guilty in January 2007 to conspiracy to transport child pornography and transportation of child pornography.

Co-defendant Jeffrey Robert Libman, the vice president and director of Webe Web, was charged in an October 2006 indictment with conspiracy to produce child pornography and transportation of child pornography. These charges against Libman are pending and he is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

According to its plea agreement, Webe Web will forfeit $1 million and 19 internet domain names. Sentencing for Greenberg and Webe Web is scheduled for Aug. 19, 2010. At sentencing, Greenberg will face up to 10 years in prison.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jim Phillips and Daniel J. Fortune of the Northern District of Alabama, Assistant Deputy Chief Alexandra Gelber of the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), and Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Yusi, a former CEOS Trial Attorney.

This case was investigated by the FBI and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. The Document and Media Exploitation Branch of the National Drug Intelligence Center provided assistance in ascertaining the revenue flow of this criminal enterprise to support analysis of and to identify the ill gotten gains of the defendants.

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