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Texas Man Sentenced in Indiana to 330 Months in Prison for Participating in International Child Pornography Distribution Ring

WASHINGTON – A Texas man was sentenced today to serve 330 months in prison for his participation in an international child pornography distribution ring, announced Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer of the Justice Department's Criminal Division and U.S. Attorney Joseph H. Hogsett of the Southern District of Indiana.

Jeremy Daniel Labrec, 22, of Lubbock, Texas, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Jane Magnus-Stinson in the Southern District of Indiana. In addition to his prison term, Labrec was sentenced to serve lifetime supervised release.

Labrec's prosecution is the result of "Operation Bulldog," a multi-jurisdictional effort to dismantle and prosecute the members of an international child pornography distribution ring. The ring was discovered in the course of investigating the production and distribution of child pornography by David Bostic, a Bloomington, Ind., man, who pleaded guilty to multiple charges in June 2011 and was sentenced in November 2011 to serve 315 years in prison. A total of nine defendants have been prosecuted in the Southern District of Indiana for their participation in the group, and all nine defendants have been sentenced to prison.

On June 6, 2012, Labrec pleaded guilty to 22 counts charging he sexually exploited children, distributed and received child pornography and conspired to commit these offenses.

Labrec was charged by indictment in February 2011, and he was arrested in March 2011. According to court documents, during the course of the investigation, law enforcement discovered that, in addition to his child pornography trafficking activities, Labrec had sexual contact with six young boys, all of whom were five years of age or younger.

A total of more than two dozen children have now been rescued as a result of Operation Bulldog. Efforts to identify additional defendants and victims in the United States and abroad are active and ongoing.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

This case was investigated by the FBI, with local assistance from the Indiana State Police, the Kokomo, Ind., Police Department and the Brownsburg, Ind., Police Department.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney A. Brant Cook of the Southern District of Indiana and Trial Attorney Michael Grant of CEOS.

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