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JACKSONVILLE MAN SENTENCED FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY VIOLATIONS

TYLER, TX – U.S. Attorney John M. Bales announced today that a 39-year-old Jacksonville, Texas man has been sentenced to federal prison for child pornography violations in the Eastern District of Texas.

BARRY GRIFFIN pleaded guilty on Jan. 12, 2009, to possession of material involving the sexual exploitation of minors and was sentenced today to 54 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Leonard E. Davis.

According to information presented in court, on May 30, 2008, a federal search warrant was executed at Griffin's Jacksonville residence during which a personal computer was seized by law enforcement officers. A forensic examination of the computer revealed more than 600 visual depictions of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Griffin was arrested pursuant to a federal complaint on June 9, 2008.

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 United States 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.projectsafefchildhood.gov.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Secret Service and the Longview Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Ann Cozby.

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