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FORMER LOS ANGELES FILM PRODUCER AND DIRECTOR GIVEN 10-YEAR FEDERAL PRISON SENTENCE FOR CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION CONVICTIONS

FRESNO - United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that ANTHONY LOGAN, 64, formerly of Beverly Hills, California, was sentenced by the Honorable Anthony W. Ishii to a prison term of 120 months to be followed by a term of supervised release of 120 months. He will be required to register as a sex offender, and his access to children and the Internet will be restricted during that time.

The case was the result of a joint investigation by representatives of the Fresno County Sheriff's Department, Computer Crimes Unit, and the Fresno Office of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, with assistance from the City of San Jose, California, Police Department.

The investigation began on October 26, 2003, when America Online (AOL) notified the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) CyberTipline that an AOL user (subsequently identified as a juvenile in Fresno) had attempted to send a single image known to be child pornography from his AOL e-mail account. The NCMEC notified the Fresno County Sheriff's Department which quickly obtained a search warrant, executed it, and seized from the juvenile's residence a computer and numerous images of the sexual exploitation of minors. Further investigative work led to the identification of LOGAN as the most prolific trader of child pornography with the juvenile. A search warrant was executed at LOGAN's residence in the Los Angeles area on October 13, 2004, but the defendant managed to elude law enforcement officers until his arrest on May 25, 2005. Since then, he has been detained in federal custody, as both a danger to the community and a risk of flight.

According to Assistant United States Attorney David Gappa, who prosecuted the case, LOGAN was indicted on June 2, 2005, by a grand jury in Fresno, for receipt of child pornography from an individual in Fresno in October 2003. He was also charged by information on June 9, 2006, in Fresno with possession of child pornography on one or more computers in the Los Angeles area from approximately January through May of 2005. LOGAN pled guilty to both charges in Fresno on May 30, 2006.

LOGAN admitted in a plea agreement that in October 2003, he received between 10 and 150 images of child pornography from an individual in Fresno, California. He admitted that several of the images depicted prepubescent minors and that some of the images depicted violence and/or sadistic or masochistic conduct. He also admitted that from approximately January 2005, through the date of his arrest on May 25, 2005, he knowingly possessed more than 600 images in video and still formats, and that several of these images were also of prepubescent minors and were of sadistic, masochistic, or other violent conduct.

LOGAN stated in court documents that he had been a movie producer in Hollywood for the past three decades, and for the past fifteen years he stated that he produced numerous documentaries. He claimed that he received and possessed child pornography because he was in "pre-production" for an upcoming documentary on "the victimization of children through online sexual predators."

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