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**ORANGEVALE MAN SENTENCED TO 78 MONTHS FOR POSSESSING CHILD
PORNOGRAPHY AND USING THE INTERNET TO SOLICIT A MINOR**

FRESNO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that LUIS AROLD ZUNIGA, 42, of Orangevale, California was sentenced yesterday by United States District Judge Anthony W. Ishii to a 78-month term of imprisonment for possession of child pornography and using the Internet to attempt to induce a minor to engage in criminal sexual activity. His sentence requires him to register as a sex offender and, on release from prison, to be on supervised release for an additional 180 months, during which time his access to children and the Internet will be restricted.

The case was the result of a joint investigation by the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department and the Fresno Office of United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

ZUNIGA admitted that he used the Internet from approximately April 10, 2006 to May 21, 2006 to engage in multiple online chat sessions with someone he believed was a 13 year-old girl. These chat sessions included graphic discussions of specific sexual activities in which ZUNIGA wished to engage with someone he thought was a minor. In fact, however, ZUNIGA was communicating with a law enforcement officer who was acting in an undercover capacity. ZUNIGA admitted that in furtherance of his attempt to engage in sexual activities with the minor, he traveled from his residence in Orangevale, California to Salida, California with the intention of meeting the minor.

ZUNIGA also admitted that on May 22, 2005 he knowingly possessed more than 150, but less than 300, images of child pornography, and that many of the images were of prepubescent minors as well as depictions of minors engaged in sadistic, masochistic, or other violent conduct.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Sheila K. Oberto, who prosecuted the case, ZUNIGA has been in custody since his change of plea on October 23, 2006.

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