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SACRAMENTO MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Acting United States Attorney Lawrence G. Brown announced today that JOHN JOSEPH MULLIGAN, 36, of Sacramento, pleaded guilty before United States District Judge Edward J. Garcia to possession of child pornography.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the Sacramento Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Kyle Reardon, who is prosecuting the case, law enforcement agents went to MULLIGAN's mother's home, where he stayed, and asked for consent to search any computers at the home. The mother consented to a search of her home and MULLIGAN consented to a search of a bag that he owned that was found on a shelf in the garage at the home.

Inside the bag, agents found a number of CDs owned by the defendant that contained computer files. On the CDs were 380 files of child pornography; more than 100 of those files were in video format. MULLIGAN admitted that he knowingly possessed visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. He originally downloaded the files containing visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct from the Internet onto his computer, and then burned the images onto the CDs. He also loaded images of child pornography onto his iPod.

MULLIGAN is scheduled to be sentenced on July 31, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. The maximum statutory penalty is 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000, and a three-year term of supervised release. He will also be required to register as a sex offender. The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

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