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## **ST. PETERSBURG MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS FOR TRANSPORTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Tampa, FL - U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that U.S. District Judge Susan C. Bucklew today sentenced Eric John Evanouskas (age 27, of St. Petersburg) to 15 years in federal prison followed by 20 years of supervised release for transporting and possessing child pornography. Evanouskas had pleaded guilty on May 27, 2009.

According to court documents, Evanouskas possessed more than 7,000 images of child pornography on three different computers and hard drives, including 29 videos that featured the rape of children as young as two years old. The defendant also employed the program Google Hello to distribute child pornography to other consumers while chatting with them in real time about such things as his desire to rape the child victims featured in the images and watch as others gang raped them.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. 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, and to identify and rescue

victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

This case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda L. Riedel.