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BAKER COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO SEVEN YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR TRANSPORTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Jacksonville, FL - U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that U.S. District Judge Henry L. Adams, Jr. today sentenced Robert Michael Curtiss (age 54, of Glenn St. Mary) to seven years in federal prison for transporting child pornography. The court also ordered Curtiss to register under federal and state law as a sex offender and to forfeit his computer equipment, which was used to facilitate the crime. Curtiss had pleaded guilty on March 26, 2009.

According to court documents, on August 2, 2007, Curtiss chatted on-line with an undercover Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") agent located in Phoenix, Arizona. After approximately thirty minutes of chatting, Curtiss sent the FBI agent two child pornography videos. The first video depicted an adult male sexually assaulting a young female. The second video contained approximately 30 video clips of adult males sexually assaulting young females. Some of the minors in the videos appeared to be three years old or younger, and several of the videos portrayed sadistic conduct involving children. Follow up investigation by the FBI determined Curtiss resided in Baker County.

On March 18, 2008, the FBI Jacksonville Field Office executed a federal search

warrant at Curtiss's residence and seized a HP Pavilion desktop computer. The computer contained approximately 100 still images of child pornography and one video containing child pornography.

This case was investigated by the Jacksonville Division of the FBI. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kevin C. Frein and D. Rodney Brown.

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.