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## JACKSONVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO 76 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON AND 20 YEARS SUPERVISED RELEASE FOR ACCESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY ON THE INTERNET

Jacksonville, Florida - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that Quentin Glenn Hodge (29, Jacksonville) was sentenced yesterday to 76 months in federal prison and a 20-year term of supervised release for knowingly accessing child pornography on the internet. U.S. District Judge Marcia Morales Howard also ordered Hodge to forfeit several computers and to register as a sex offender. Hodge has been in custody in connection with this case since July 2009.

According to court documents, in March 2009, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office ("JSO") detectives visited Hodge's residence in Jacksonville, in response to a complaint regarding possible child exploitation and child pornography. While at the residence, the detectives seized several of Hodge's computers. Subsequent forensic analysis revealed that the computers contained numerous images of child pornography, child erotica, and website banners for child erotic sites. Hodge was later interviewed and admitted, among other things, that he had been "chatting" online with underage girls periodically and that he had been accessing child pornography websites since July 2007.

This case was investigated by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and U.S. Immigration

and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney 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 as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

This case was part of Operation Predator, a nationwide ICE initiative to identify, investigate, and arrest those who prey on children, including human traffickers, international sex tourists, Internet pornographers, and foreign-national predators whose crimes make them deportable. ICE encourages the public to report suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-347-2423. This hotline is staffed around the clock by investigators. Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or http://www.cybertipline.com.