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## **CHILD PORNOGRAPHY DISTRIBUTOR SENTENCED TO 11 YEARS, 3 MONTHS IN PRISON**

### PRESS RELEASE

Indianapolis - Dewey Parsons, 43, Marseilles, Illinois, was sentenced to 135 months in prison late yesterday by U.S. District Judge William T. Lawrence following his guilty plea to Distribution of Child Pornography, announced Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. This case was the result of a investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Hamilton County Metro Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (“HCMICAC”).

Parsons was convicted of two counts of Distribution of Child Pornography. The first count related to Parsons’ emailing of child pornography to an undercover law enforcement officer assigned to the HCMICAC, who was posing online as a fourteen (14) year old minor female. Parsons emailed child pornography to the undercover officer on April 16, 2008, April 21, 2008, and May 21, 2008. The second count related to Parsons’ emailing of child pornography to another individual from his home in Illinois. Parsons waived venue of that count from the Northern District of Illinois to the Southern District of Indiana.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney A. Brant Cook, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Lawrence also imposed lifetime years supervised release following Parsons’s release from prison. During the period of supervised release, Parsons must not possess any obscenity or pornography, must not have any unsupervised contact with any minor child, must take part in a program of treatment for sexual disorders, and must consent to the search of his person or residence at any time. Parsons must also register as a sex offender for life.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. 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, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafefchildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafefchildhood.gov).

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