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Millinocket Man Pleads Guilty to Federal Child Pornography Charges

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Philip Scott Fournier**, 48, of Millinocket, Maine, pleaded guilty on May 13, 2009, in U.S. District Court in Bangor, Maine, to Possession of Child Pornography. Fournier faces a possible sentence of up to 10 years and a fine of up to \$250,000, or both. He was detained pending sentencing.

Court records reveal that in summer 2006, officers of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) received information that a credit card registered to Fournier was being used to purchase access to a child pornography website. ICE officers visited Fournier at his residence in Millinocket, at which time Fournier allowed them to enter and gave written permission for the officers to search his residence, including his computer. Child pornography was discovered on Fournier's computer.

"This conviction today is the result of great investigative work and persistence by ICE agents," said Bruce M. Foucart, special agent in charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Office of Investigations in Boston. "We will continue to use our resources to investigate and bring to justice those who are involved with child exploitation crimes."

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by Office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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