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Defendant: Dennis Delaney

NORTHVILLE MAN SENTENCED FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY MANUFACTURE AND DISTRIBUTION

Dennis Delaney, 38 of Northville, Michigan, was sentenced yesterday in federal court to 25 years in federal prison for his convictions on charges of manufacturing, distribution and possession of child pornography, United States Attorney Terrence Berg announced.

Mr. Berg was joined in the announcement by William Callahan, Special Agent in Charge, United States Secret Service, Detroit Division.

Delaney was convicted on November 20, 2008, following a two-week jury trial before the Honorable Denise Page Hood. Judge Hood sentenced the defendant to 25 years in federal prison to be served consecutive to his sentence of 4 to 20 years for use of computer to commit a crime in Macomb County Circuit Court. Delaney's term of incarceration will be followed by 10 years of supervised release.

Testimony during the trial revealed that Delaney met and developed a relationship with

a 12- year-old girl via the Internet from 2002 through 2004. In 2004, they met in person and Delaney took sexually explicit photos of the minor girl. Between 2004 and 2006, Delaney distributed the photos, along with other Internet-obtained child pornographic images from his Yahoo! accounts.

Delaney was arrested in Macomb County by the Macomb County Computer Enforcement Team on November 1, 2007, for related state computer solicitation charges. A subsequent search of his home disclosed the images of the victim and additional child sexually exploitive images on his computer and compact discs.

A federal jury listened to testimony over a two-week period before returning a verdict of guilty on all counts after about two hours of deliberation.

United States Attorney Terrence Berg said , “Those who would use the Internet as a tool to lure, meet with, and sexually exploit children, and then scatter the images of their abuse across cyberspace, should consider this case and the 25-year prison sentence imposed today. This case is a good example of the fine outcome of the cooperative efforts between state and federal law enforcement through our Project Safe Child initiative. ”

Berg praised the work of the Detroit Office of the Secret Service, the Michigan Crimes Against Children Task Force and the Macomb Area Computer Enforcement Team under Sheriff Mark Hackel and Sgt. Tina Old. Their dedication and skill led to the identification and apprehension of a dangerous individual. These agencies consistently demonstrate professionalism and dedication in their aggressive and thorough investigation of these cases.

Assistant United States Attorneys Eaton Brown and John O'Brien prosecuted the case for the United States.