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Defendant: Peter Christian Lukasavitz

**ANN ARBOR MAN SENTENCED TO 180 MONTHS FOR TRANSPORTING
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY VIA NOW DEFUNCT "GOOGLE HELLO" PROGRAM**

Terrence Berg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, announced that Peter Christian Lukasavitz, 31 of Ann Arbor, Michigan was sentenced in federal district court yesterday for his conviction of Transportation of a Child Pornographic Material. Lukasavitz was sentenced today by the Honorable Robert H. Cleland to 180 months in federal prison to be followed by 10 years of supervised release.

The following facts were discussed with the court at the time of the guilty plea and during sentencing elocution:

For several years prior to his arrest in 2008, Defendant Lukasavitz engaged in continuing on-line trading of child pornographic images with others via "Google Hello" a peer-to-peer type program no longer available, on the Internet. During the exchange of these materials Lukasavitz and others discussed their mutual sexual interest in and the sexual assault of children. The traded images contained depictions of the sexual abuse of children

as young as 20 months old.

Lukasavitz was apprehended following his identification through the seizure of one of his trading partner's computer in Pennsylvania. At the time of his arrest, Lukasavitz maintained a collection of over a thousand child erotica images, child pornographic images and child pornographic movies.

United States Attorney Terry Berg said, "The judge aptly described these images as "horrifying" and "unimaginable," recording depraved sexual acts with children. A 15-year prison sentence will hopefully provide a strong deterrent to others who would consider traveling this road. We need to stop the Internet from continuing to be a haven for those who exploit children"

Berg praised the work of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Special Agents Dan Ben-Meir and David Dominique and ICE Agents in Pennsylvania, whose dedicated efforts have assisted in the prosecution of this defendant and the curtailing of a least one participant in the continuing internet based exploitation of children.

Assistant United States Attorney John O'Brien, prosecuted case for the United States.