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Princeton man sentenced for possessing child pornography

A 66-year-old Princeton man was sentenced yesterday in federal court for possessing child pornography.

On Feb. 5 in Minneapolis, United States District Court Judge James Rosenbaum sentenced David John Luoma to 46 months and supervised release for life on one count of possession of child pornography. Luoma was indicted on July 24, 2007, and pleaded guilty on Jan. 28, 2008.

According to Luoma's plea agreement, he admitted that from October 2004 to January 2005 he knowingly possessed between 10 and 150 visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, which had been transmitted by a computer.

This case was the result of an investigation by the Anoka County Sheriff's Office and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard A. Newberry.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood (PSC), a national 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, PSC 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 PSC, visit www.projectsafchildhood.gov.