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## **Minneapolis man sentenced for possessing child pornography**

A 51-year-old Minneapolis man was sentenced last week in federal court for possessing child pornography.

On March 20 in St. Paul, United States District Court Judge Donovan Frank sentenced Robert Carl Johnson to 72 months in prison and 10 years of supervised release on two counts of possession of child pornography. Johnson was indicted on Nov. 7, 2007, and pleaded guilty on March 31, 2008.

According to Johnson's plea agreement, he admitted that on June 29, 2006, he possessed more than 9,000 images of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct. The images, that he had obtained on the Internet, were kept on his computers, hard drives and compact discs.

This case was the result of an investigation by the Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the Minneapolis Police Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael A. Dees.

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.projectsafefchildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafefchildhood.gov).