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FLOWOOD MAN SENTENCED TO 97 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Jackson, Miss – Cameron Boyington, 32, formerly of Flowood, MS, was sentenced in U.S. District Court today to serve 97 months in federal prison for possession of child pornography, U.S. Attorney John Dowdy announced. Boyington was also ordered to register as a sex offender.

Boyington, who pled guilty in July, 2011, was discovered by U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations (ICE HSI) out of Los Angeles, California in July 2009, after "chatting" online about his desires to have sex with a child. During this "chatting" session, Boyington also uploaded sexual explicit images of young girls to an Internet website devoted to persons actively uploading and trading child pornography images throughout the United States.

A federal search warrant was executed at Boyington's Flowood apartment in August 2009, where a laptop computer and thumb drive device, along with other electronic evidence, was seized from a locked gun safe found in Boyington's closet. The forensic examination revealed numerous images of child pornography that were graphic, sadistic and horrific. The digital evidence included videos depicting adults having sexual intercourse with babies, toddlers, and young girls, and animals engaging in sexual contact with young children. Many of Boyington's images of child pornography show children being tortured, chained and raped. Boyington admitted to possessing the images of child pornography.

"ICE HSI will aggressively use its investigative authorities to identify and arrest individuals who seek to sexually exploit children in this manner," said Raymond R. Parmer, Jr., Special Agent in Charge of ICE HSI in New Orleans. "We are committed to protecting our communities by bringing to justice these child predators, who are a direct threat to our youth." Parmer oversees responsibility for the states of Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama Tennessee and Louisiana.

This case was brought about as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by U. S. Attorneys' Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals, along with federal, state and local agencies partnered together 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 Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov

The investigation was conducted by U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and the Flowood Police Department. Assistant U. S. Attorney Glenda Haynes was in charge of the prosecution.