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Fargo Man Sentenced for Possession of Child Pornography

FARGO - United States Attorney Drew Wrigley announced that on March 13, 2009, **Chad Seeba** of Fargo, North Dakota, was sentenced before United States District Court Judge Rodney S. Webb on charges of possession of materials involving the sexual exploitation of minors and transporting or shipping material involving the exploitation of minors.

Seeba, 39, pleaded guilty on March 6, 2008, to possessing numerous computer files containing visual depictions of minor children engaging in sexually explicit conduct. **Seeba** also pleaded guilty to knowingly transporting child pornography in interstate commerce. The incidents occurred from October 2006 through December 2006 in the District of North Dakota.

Judge Webb sentenced **Seeba** to six and one-half years in Federal prison, to be followed by lifetime supervised release. **Seeba** was ordered to pay a \$200 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund.

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The case was investigated by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Klemetsrud Puhl prosecuted the case.

This case was brought as a 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 United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood 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 Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

United States Attorney Drew Wrigley said, "Child pornography is as damaging as it is despicable. The Court today claimed the children so horribly victimized in these photos were not directly victims in this case. With due respect, the Court is wrong. Every time those images are shared or sold the victim's injury is compounded. The average person understands that if they were sodomized and a photo was snapped, they would be as victimized by the 100th viewing as by the first. Child pornography is cruel, and those who produce, or share, or sell, or purchase these images will be pursued, prosecuted, and imprisoned for every single day we can get."

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