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MARLTON, NEW JERSEY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO OFFERING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY OVER THE INTERNET THROUGH FILE SHARING SOFTWARE

CAMDEN, NJ – Evan C. Corbett, 34, pleaded guilty today to offering and advertising child pornography for distribution over the Internet through peer-to-peer file sharing networks, United States Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Corbett was arrested in August 2009 as a result of an investigation by agents of the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"). Today, Corbett pleaded guilty to an Information before United States District Judge Robert B. Kugler in Camden federal court.

According to documents filed in this case and statements made in court:

Corbett admitted that from approximately July 2008 to May 2009, he shared child pornography over the Internet using peer-to-peer file sharing programs. Corbett admitted that he both downloaded child pornography to his own computers in Marlton, New Jersey and permitted other around the world to download child pornography from his computer. The files were identified by file names which explicitly advertised their content. Corbett was found to possess over 22,180 images of child pornography.

At his sentencing, Corbett faces a maximum of 20 years in prison and a mandatory minimum of 5 years in prison on the charge of offering, promoting, and advertising child pornography to which he pleaded guilty. He also faces a maximum \$250,000 fine, and will be required to register as a sex offender. Sentencing is scheduled for September 1, 2010.

In determining an actual sentence, Judge Kugler will consult the advisory United States Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining the sentence. Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all that time.

U.S. Attorney Fishman credited ICE Special Agents, under the direction of Special Agent-In-Charge Peter T. Edge, in Newark, New Jersey, with the investigation leading to today's guilty plea.

This case is being prosecuted by Senior Litigation Counsel Kevin T. Smith of the U.S. Attorney's Office Special Prosecutions Division in Camden.

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