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Keansburg Man Sentenced to 125 Months in Prison for
Transmitting Child Pornography over the Internet

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NEWARK – A Keansburg man was sentenced to 125 months in federal prison today for receiving and distributing child pornography over the Internet, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

U.S. District Judge Dennis M. Cavanaugh also ordered Walter M. Terpack, 36, to serve three years of supervised release upon the completion of his prison term, during which time his use of computers and his contact with minors will be limited.

At his plea hearing on May 31, 2006, Terpack pleaded guilty to a two-count Indictment. Count One charged that from January 2004 through January 2005 the defendant received and distributed images containing child pornography via the Internet. Count Two charged the defendant with possession of more than three images of child pornography.

During his plea hearing, Terpack admitted that he possessed images depicting the sexual exploitation of minors and that he obtained the images over the Internet.

In determining the actual sentence, Judge Cavanaugh consulted the advisory U.S. Sentence Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentenced 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 a sentence.

Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are give custodial terms must serve nearly all that time.

Christie credited Special Agents of the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Kyle Hutchins, with the investigation of the case.

The Government is represented by Assistant United States Attorneys Philip James Degnan and Adam S. Lurie of the U.S. Attorney's Office Criminal Division in Newark.

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