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KIRTLAND AIRMAN RECEIVES 46-MONTH SENTENCE **ON FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CONVICTION**

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales announced that, this morning, United States District Judge James O. Browning sentenced **Henry Jager**, 33, a United States Air Force Staff Sergeant stationed at Kirtland Air Force Base and resident of Albuquerque, to a 46-month term of imprisonment to be followed by a lifetime of supervised release based on his conviction for possession of child pornography. Jager also was ordered to register as a sex offender upon his release from prison. Jager was remanded into the custody of the United States Marshals Service to start serving his sentence during today's hearing.

Jager was arrested on June 1, 2010 on a two-count federal indictment charging him with possession of a visual depiction of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Jager entered a guilty plea to Count 1 of the indictment on September 10, 2010 pursuant to a plea agreement with the United States Attorney's Office.

According to the plea agreement, the charges against Jager arose from an incident on September 15, 2009 during which Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

agents contacted Jager at his residence based on investigation showing that Jager possessed child pornography obtained from the website “www.free6.com.” The ICE agents searched Jager’s computers with his consent and found images depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. During the September 15, 2009 encounter, Jager admitted knowing that the website “www.free6.com” was primarily devoted to child pornography and acknowledged receiving child pornography from that website for approximately six months. Jager also admitted that he began to view child pornography a few years earlier.

This case was investigated by ICE and the United States Air Force Office of Special Investigations, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Charlyn Rees. The case was brought 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 and the Criminal Division’s Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, 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.

The case also was brought as part of the New Mexico Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force’s (ICAC Task Force) mission to locate, track, and capture Internet child sexual predators and Internet child pornographers in New Mexico. There are 61 federal, state and local law enforcement agencies associated with the ICAC Task Force,

which is funded by a grant administered by the NMAGO. Anyone with information relating to suspected child predators and suspected child abuse is encouraged to contact federal or local law enforcement.

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