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**ELEPHANT BUTTE MAN RECEIVES SIX YEAR PRISON SENTENCE  
FOR SOLICITING AND RECEIVING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

LAS CRUCES – On August 1, 2011, in federal court in Las Cruces, **Henio M. Hinojos**, 52, of Elephant Butte, New Mexico, was sentenced to six years for soliciting, receiving and possessing child pornography. Hinojos, who has been in custody since entering his guilty plea on February 28, 2011, will be on supervised release for life after he completes his prison term.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that, on February 28, 2011, Hinojos pled guilty to all counts of a ten-count indictment charging him with soliciting, receiving and possessing visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. According to court filings, in April 2010, Hinojos responded to a letter sent by undercover U.S. Postal Service investigators by requesting catalogs containing “pedophilia,” “pre-teen girls,” and “young teen girl.” After an undercover officer mailed Hinojos a catalogue describing the collection of videos available, Hinojos filled out a mail order form indicating which videos he wanted to purchase and sent the order form along with a money order to the undercover officer. On May 25, 2010, Hinojos picked up the package he ordered at the Post Office in Elephant Butte, New Mexico. Hinojos was arrested the following day.

This investigation of this case was led by Immigration & Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations and the United States Postal Service, with assistance from the United States Marshal’s Service and the Las Cruces Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Stephen H. Wong, Assistant United States Attorney, 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.projectsafefchildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafefchildhood.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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