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DAYTON MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

*Must Continue with Sex Offender Registration and Will be Under Federal Court Supervision,
Upon Release, for the Rest of His Life*

DAYTON – Sean Porter, age 46, of Dayton, was sentenced in United States District Court here to 10 years imprisonment and a lifetime of supervised release for possession of child pornography.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Gerald A. O’Farrell, Assistant Inspector in Charge, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and Brian Moskowicz, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), announced the sentence imposed today by United States District Judge Thomas M. Rose.

According to a statement of facts filed with Porter’s plea agreement, Porter began chatting online with “chrissy 13” in June, 2007 thinking that he was chatting with a 13-year old girl. He was actually chatting with an undercover postal inspector. Porter sent pornographic images of himself and sent “chrissy 13” \$60 with the understanding that she would use the money to buy a webcam so she could send pornographic images of herself to Porter.

Postal Inspectors and ICE agents went to Porter’s house in January 2008 where they found a computer containing approximately 25 images of child pornography. Porter was prohibited from using a computer as a condition of his parole, resulting from a prior state court conviction for importuning, for which he served 12 months in prison and was designated a habitual sex offender. Porter was also previously convicted on state charges of attempted sexual conduct with a minor and soliciting another via a telecommunication device.

“Officers patrolling the Internet are as vital to our community’s safety as are officers patrolling the streets,” Lockhart said. “Parents need to help their children understand the dangers they face on the Internet.”

“Too many individuals mistakenly believe the anonymity of cyberspace shields them from scrutiny,” said Brian Moskowitz, Special Agent in Charge of ICE for Michigan and Ohio. “ICE remains committed to investigating this type of on-line activity to prevent the exploitation of children.”

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorneys Offices, 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 identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

Lockhart commended the investigation by agents of the Postal Inspection Service and ICE, as well as Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Clemmens, who prosecuted the case.

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