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COLUMBUS MAN RECEIVES 33-MONTH SENTENCE FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER AS SEX OFFENDER

COLUMBUS – Carlos D. Hunter, age 33 of Columbus, was sentenced in United States District Court here today to 33 months imprisonment for failing to register as a sex offender and traveling in interstate commerce.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, James M. Wahlrab, United States Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio, and Franklin County Sheriff Jim Karnes announced the sentence handed down today by United States District Judge Michael H. Watson.

Hunter pleaded guilty on January 7, 2009 to one count of failure to register as a sexual offender as required under the Sexual Offender Registry Notification Act (SORNA). Hunter's criminal history includes a November 3, 2006 conviction in Franklin County Common Pleas Court of sexual battery. He was sentenced to serve two years in state prison for that crime.

Upon his release from state prison, Hunter was required to register as a sex offender in the county where he lived within three days of his release on May 5, 2008. Hunter did not register as required, but went to live in North Carolina instead.

Deputy U.S. Marshals, using information from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, arrested Hunter in July 2008. He has been in custody since his arrest.

SORNA is part of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act in 2006. The law requires anyone convicted of sex crimes under federal law, or anyone convicted in state court and traveling in interstate commerce, to register with law enforcement agencies where they live, work or are a student.

Lockhart commended the investigation by the U.S. Marshals Service, Franklin County Sheriff's Deputies, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Deborah Solove, who prosecuted the case.

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