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WESTERVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO 80 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

COLUMBUS -- Adam Gould, 25, of Westerville was sentenced in United States District Court here today to 80 months in federal prison for trading more than 2,500 pictures and 78 movies of child pornography over the Internet. He was also sentenced to ten years of supervised release after he serves his prison time and he will be required to register as a sex offender after his release from prison.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Brian Moskowitz, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and Westerville Police Chief Joseph Morbitzer announced the sentence handed down today by United States District Judge Edmund A. Sargus, Jr.

ICE agents and Westerville police officers executed a federal search warrant at Gould's home on October 29, 2008. They seized two laptop computers belonging to Gould. Forensic examiners found more than 2,500 pictures and 78 movies of child pornography on the two computers. Gould told investigators that he had been uploading and trading images of child pornography over the Internet for more than a year.

Gould pleaded guilty on April 16, 2009 to one count of transportation of child pornography.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorney's Offices around the country, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafefchildhood.gov.

Lockhart commended the cooperative investigation by ICE agents and Westerville police officers, and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Michael Hunter and Deborah Solove, who are prosecuting the case.

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