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## **SPRINGFIELD MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON FOR RECEIVING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

DAYTON –Terry Flora, 60, of Springfield, was sentenced in United States District Court here today to 15 years imprisonment for having more than 600 images of prepubescent minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. He was also sentenced to forfeit his computer equipment and be placed under court supervision for ten years after his release from prison.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of Investigations in Ohio and Michigan, Springfield Police Chief Stephen P. Moody, Clark County Prosecutor Stephen A. Schumaker, Clark County Adult Probation Office Director Ronald Woolf, and Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray whose office includes the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI), announced the sentence imposed today by U.S. District Judge Thomas M. Rose.

Flora pleaded guilty on May 12, 2009 to one count of receipt of child pornography.

Between February 2007 and June 2008, Flora received and traded the sexually explicit photos and videos through Internet chat rooms. Flora used photo sharing links in the chat rooms to make explicit images of child pornography that he had saved available to be viewed, saved, or uploaded by other members in the chat room.

At the time he committed the crimes, he was on probation for conviction in Clark County Common Pleas Court on two felony state charges of pandering child pornography in 2005. Springfield Police and a probation officer arrested Flora on July 10, 2008 for violating his parole. He has been in custody since his arrest. He was remanded to custody of the U.S. Marshals today to begin serving his federal sentence. His time in state custody will not count toward his federal sentence.

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/](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov/).

Lockhart commended the investigation of this case by agents of ICE, officers of the Springfield Police Department, and BCI forensic specialists, along with Special Assistant U.S. Attorney D. Andrew Wilson of the Clark County Prosecutor's Office and Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Clemmens, who jointly prosecuted the case.

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