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## **CINCINNATI MAN SENTENCED TO 27 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER AS SEX OFFENDER**

*Under court supervision for the rest of his life*

CINCINNATI – Lawrence F. Sipple, 38, of Cincinnati was sentenced to 27 months imprisonment for failing to register as a sex offender, as required by the federal Sex Offender Registration Notification Act (SORNA). Sipple was also placed under court supervision for the rest of his life.

William E. Hunt, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio and James M. Wahrab, United States Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio announced the sentence handed down today by Senior United States District Judge Sandra S. Beckwith.

Kentucky State Police officers arrested Sipple on March 6, 2009 in Cold Spring, Kentucky where he worked. A day earlier, a woman found a picture of someone resembling Sipple on a Kentucky sex offender registry site. She recognized him because she had encountered him while ordering food at the drive-through restaurant where she stopped with her children. The woman called Kentucky State Police who investigated further.

Sipple pleaded guilty in February, 1998 in Hamilton County Common Pleas Court to two counts of corruption of a minor. Part of his sentence included a requirement that he register as a sex offender for 25 years.

Because of his conviction for a sex crime in Ohio, he was required to register as a sex offender in the county where he lived within three days of his release. Sipple did not register as required, but moved to Kentucky then back into Ohio.

Sipple has been in custody since his arrest in March. He pleaded guilty on May 12, 2009 to the federal charge of failing to register as a sex offender.

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.

Hunt commended the investigation by the U.S. Marshals Service, Kentucky State Police Officers, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Christy Muncy, who prosecuted the case.

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