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HILLIARD MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

COLUMBUS – Richard Hatterman, 40, of Hilliard, was sentenced to 120 months imprisonment for possession of child pornography after nearly 300 pictures and movies containing child pornography were found on his personal computer.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and Brian Moskowitz, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of Investigations in Ohio and Michigan, announced the sentence handed down today before United States District Judge Gregory L. Frost.

According to court documents, German Federal Police identified a subscriber to an Internet account who used a Peer-2-Peer file-sharing computer software program to disseminate child pornography via the Internet late in 2008. They turned the evidence over to ICE. ICE identified the subscriber as Hatterman. ICE agents and Hilliard Police officers executed a search warrant at Hatterman's home in January 2009 and seized a computer and related equipment. A forensic examination revealed one 163 digital images and 132 digital movies containing child pornography on Hatterman's computer.

Because Hatterman had a previous 1992 Nebraska conviction for sexual assault, he faced a minimum mandatory sentence of 120 months. Hatterman will be required to be under court supervision for life after he serves his prison term and is also required to register as a sex offender.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), 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 to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

Stewart commended the investigation by ICE agents, and the Hilliard Police officers who assisted with the search, as well as Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Hunter, who prosecuted the case.

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