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**ROCKDALE MAN RECEIVES FEDERAL PRISON TERM FOR
POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

John E. Murphy, Acting United States Attorney, announced that Frank Sanchez, Jr., of Rockdale, Texas, was sentenced this afternoon to ten years in federal prison for possession of child pornography.

In addition to the prison term, Chief United States District Judge Walter S. Smith, Jr., ordered that Sanchez pay a \$1,000 fine and be placed under supervised release for eight years after completing his prison term. On April 30, 2009, Sanchez pleaded guilty to one count of possession of child pornography.

According to court records, over several weeks beginning in March 2008, Sanchez was involved in internet chat conversations with someone he believed was a 13-year-old girl, but in reality was an undercover law enforcement officer. On October 14, 2008, authorities executed a search warrant at the defendant's residence and seized his personal computer and related media. A subsequent forensic examination revealed the presence of over 7,400 images and more than 80 videos depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

This case was investigated by the Cyber Crimes Unit of the Texas Attorney General's office. Assistant United States Attorney Greg Gloff prosecuted this case on behalf of the Government.

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