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MARYLAND MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO RECEIVING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

WASHINGTON – Gary Jorandby, of Upper Marlboro, Md., pleaded guilty today to one count of receiving child pornography through the Internet, Acting Assistant Attorney General Matthew Friedrich of the Criminal Division and U.S. Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein for the District of Maryland announced.

Jorandby, 57, was indicted on Dec. 12, 2007, for child pornography offenses. According to his plea agreement, Jorandby was interviewed by investigators in September 2006 and gave consent to search his personal computer and detachable thumb drive. Investigators reviewed these items and found images of child pornography, some of which showed infants and toddlers engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Subsequently, a warrant to search Jorandby's residence was obtained and agents found evidence that Jorandby had taken 276 Polaroid photographs of a naked prepubescent female. The photographs included at least one image where the child's hands are tied to a bed.

In his plea agreement, Jorandby admitted that he began illegally photographing the child when she was approximately four years old, and that he continued to do so throughout the 1990s. Jorandby further admitted that he used a computer, later seized from his home, to download child pornography from the Internet and save the images to CDs. A forensic examination of the seized computer and media revealed more than 600 images of child pornography depicting pre-pubescent children engaged in various sexual acts.

Jorandby's sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 20, 2008. At sentencing, Jorandby faces a mandatory minimum of five years in prison and a maximum of 20 years in prison, a fine of up to \$250,000 and a lifetime of supervised release.

This case emerged out 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 <http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov>.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michele Sartori of the District of Maryland and Trial Attorney LisaMarie Freitas of the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section. The case was investigated by the FBI's Innocent Images Unit.

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