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NORTH CAROLINA MAN SENTENCED TO 84 MONTHS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

WASHINGTON – A North Carolina man has been sentenced to 84 months in prison for distributing online child pornography to a person he believed to be a 13-year-old girl, the Justice Department announced today.

Jeffrey Scott Turman, 42, of Mooresville, N.C., was sentenced today in Alexandria, Va., before U.S. District Judge Claude M. Hilton. Judge Hilton also sentenced Turman to 10 years of supervised release. Upon his release from prison, Turman also will be required to register as a sex offender in any jurisdiction where he lives, works or goes to school.

According to court documents, between April and May 2007, Turman engaged in a number of sexually explicit instant message conversations and emails with a person whom he believed to be a 13-year-old girl located in Fairfax, Va. In fact, Turman was communicating with an undercover FBI agent. During the course of these conversations, Turman distributed 19 images of hardcore child pornography to the fictitious child, in an effort to entice her to perform sexual acts and to transmit sexually explicit images of herself to him through the Internet. Turman also discussed traveling to Virginia to meet the child for illicit sexual conduct.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Edward J. McAndrew, who is on detail from the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the Department of Justice. The investigation was conducted by the FBI's Washington Field Office and Charlotte Field Office.

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