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INDIANA MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY HIGH-TECH DISTRIBUTION

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Assistant Attorney General Christopher A. Wray of the Criminal Division and U.S. Attorney Susan W. Brooks of the Southern District of Indiana announced today that a former Danville, Indiana man has been sentenced to 15 years in federal prison for a case involving the sharing and distribution of computer files containing images of child pornography.

Brian Scott Justice, 32, received the sentence today in Indianapolis from U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton. Justice was also ordered to serve a lifetime period of supervised release following his term of imprisonment, and his computer was also forfeited to the government. Justice pleaded guilty on Feb. 10, 2005, to a criminal information charging one count of advertising child pornography, one count of transporting child pornography, one count of receiving child pornography, and one count of possessing child pornography. The guilty plea followed an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Indiana State Police, the Danville Police Department, the United States Marshals Service, the Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, and the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section's High-Tech Investigative Unit. The transport and receipt charges against Justice were based on exchanges of child pornography with 42 separate "John Does" listed in the criminal information.

The information charged that Justice advertised, transported, received and possessed the child pornography that formed the basis for the charges by operating his personal computer as a file server, which allowed selected files to be downloaded by the public and allowed the public to upload files to that computer, and by advertising on specified Internet Relay Chat (IRC) channels a willingness to receive or distribute files. Justice advertised his file server on the "100%preteengirlsexpics" IRC channel, making available to the public a collection of approximately 20,000 image and movie files of child pornography and erotic depictions of children over the course of about five years, beginning in or about 1999 and continuing until about October 2004. Justice was arrested on Oct. 20, 2004, near Shreveport, Louisiana following a search of his former home in Danville, Indiana.

"Through lengthy prison sentences like the one handed down today, the Justice Department is determined to bring an end to the abhorrent practice of trafficking in the rape and sexual exploitation of our children," said Assistant Attorney General Wray. "The use of even the most advanced new technologies will not prevent law enforcement from aggressively pursuing this egregious criminal conduct."

"This investigation and indictment is the result of the ongoing cooperative effort by the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Department of Justice, federal law enforcement agencies, and local

law enforcement agencies to find and prosecute those individuals who use and exploit our children,” said U.S. Attorney Brooks.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven DeBrotta and Trial Attorney Michelle Morgan-Kelly of the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section at the U.S. Department of Justice.

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