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BEDFORD MAN SENTENCED FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY OFFENSES

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced today U.S. District Judge Sarah Evans Barker sentenced ROBERT CARL WILSON, age 28, of Bedford, Indiana, to 99 months imprisonment after pleading guilty to multiple child pornography offenses. The charges were the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Lawrence County Police Department, the Lawrence County Prosecutor's Office, the Indiana State Police, and the High Tech Investigative Unit of the U.S. Department of Justice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section.

WILSON was convicted of one count of possessing five compact disks containing child pornography, one count of possessing a computer hard drive containing child pornography, and one count of making false statements to a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation during the investigation. In these statements, WILSON falsely denied owning a computer or knowing anything about the child pornography involved in the case.

The child pornography, which included sadistic material involving prepubescent girls, was produced through the use of actual minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct and the material was a visual depiction of such conduct. WILSON obtained this child pornography through anonymous sources on the Internet and he was not actively involved in its production. WILSON's sentence was significantly increased because he repeatedly engaged in unlawful sexual acts with an underage minor during the same period when he collected the child pornography.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Steven DeBrota and Trial Attorney

Alexandra Gelber of the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the U.S. Department of

Justice, who handled the prosecution for the government, Judge Barker placed WILSON on

supervised release with restrictive conditions for the remainder of his life. The period of

supervised release will begin when WILSON is released from federal prison. WILSON is

currently serving an eight-year term in an Indiana state prison after pleading guilty to child

molestation charges. He will be transferred to federal prison after he completes this sentence.

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