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**DELAWARE COUNTY OFFICIAL CONVICTED
ON CHARGES OF POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

COLUMBUS- **J. Timothy Halter**, age 65, of 6391 Sherman Road, Galena, Ohio, was convicted here today by a federal jury for one count of possessing images that show a minor involved in sexually explicit conduct.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Stanley J. Borgia, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation Cincinnati Field Division, and Genoa Township Police Chief Robert Taylor announced the verdict returned today before United States District Court Judge Edmund A. Sargus Jr.

After a seven day trial, the jury found that on November 9, 1999, Halter possessed 52 computer graphic files that contained images of child pornography.

Halter was a former township trustee in Berlin Township.

Halter faces up to five years imprisonment, three years of supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine. Judge Sargus will set sentencing for a later date.

“People who use the Internet or other electronic means to exploit our children can be tracked by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. When we capture those individuals we will prosecute these predators at all costs,” Lockhart said.

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