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In matters prosecuted by the US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of West Virginia:

**NITRO MAN SENTENCED TO 18 MONTHS IN PRISON
ON OBSCENITY CHARGE**

Charleston, West Virginia – **Harold Foote Hoffman, II, 31, of Nitro, West Virginia**, was sentenced today to 18 months in prison for using the US Mail for the delivery of obscene matter (depictions of sexual acts involving defecation and sexual acts involving bestiality). Hoffman, who previously pled guilty to the charge, was also ordered to forfeit to the United States any property connected to the production and transmission of obscenity, and any profits and receipts derived from this crime.

In addition to a term of imprisonment, U.S. District Judge Joseph R. Goodwin also sentenced Hoffman to 3 years supervised release, and ordered him to pay a special assessment of \$100. Hoffman faced a maximum penalty of up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

This conviction stems from a long-term investigation conducted by the United States Postal Inspection Service in connection with the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of West Virginia, and the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the United States Department of Justice in Washington, DC.

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