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FORMER CONWAY RESIDENT SENTENCED IN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CASE

<u>Little Rock</u> - Jane W. Duke, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, announced Darryl Keith Foster, age 46, of Vidalia, Mississippi (formerly of Conway, Arkansas) was sentenced by United States District Judge James M. Moody to 108 months imprisonment, followed by lifetime supervised release for possession of child pornography.

On October 18, 2005, Conway Police responded to a possible domestic abuse incident at Foster's home in Conway, Arkansas. Once there, officers met with Foster's wife who told them that Foster had been downloading child pornography for years. After obtaining consent to search the residence, the officers seized five computers for forensic examination. The examination revealed 19,709 images of child pornography and 1,099 child pornography movie files. An additional 16,000 images and videos of child pornography were discovered on compact discs found in the home and in a storage unit rented by the Fosters. Many of the images, most of which involved prepubescent minors, portrayed sadistic or masochistic conduct or other depictions of violence.

The day after the search, Foster was interviewed by a Conway detective and an agent of the United States Secret Service. During that interview, Foster admitted that he downloaded child pornography from an internet site. Foster further admitted to having a "problem" that he described as a "dark desire."

Foster went to trial in March 2009. After three days of testimony and argument, the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

At today's sentencing, the United States Attorney's Office introduced evidence that Foster collected massive amounts of child pornography and that many of his videos were substantially over five minutes in length. Additionally, the United States presented testimonial evidence from an adult female who stated that Foster began having sex with her when she was

thirteen years old and continued to have sexual relations until she reached the age of seventeen.

The United States requested that Foster be immediately remanded to custody to begin serving his sentence. However, over the United States' objection, Foster was allowed to remain free on bond pending appeal.

The matter was prosecuted federally pursuant to Project Safe Childhood, a 2006 Department of Justice initiative aimed at combating the proliferation of technology-facilitated sexual exploitation crimes against children. Through the Project Safe Childhood initiative, United States Attorneys Offices across the country are directed to work with all levels of law enforcement---federal, state, and local—to aggressively investigate and prosecute Internet child predators.

Duke stated, "We are so very fortunate to have valuable law enforcement partners like the Conway Police Department, the United States Secret Service, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement involved in Project Safe Childhood. When we work with one another—just as Project Safe Childhood contemplates— we become a force multiplier in making the Internet safer for children."

This case was investigated by the Conway Police Department, the United States Secret Service, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney and Project Safe Childhood Coordinator Marsha W. Clevenger and Assistant United States Attorney Michael Gordon.

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