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### **NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - February 6, 2012**

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced the sentencing today of Jerry Louis Tintsman, a self-employed air conditioning and appliance repair person, in federal court in San Diego based upon his conviction for possession of child pornography with a prior sex offense, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4). United States District Judge Roger T. Benitez sentenced Tintsman to serve 240 months in prison, followed by a life time of supervised release. Judge Benitez also ordered the defendant to register as a sex offender.

On December 9, 2010, Jerry Louis Tintsman pled guilty to possession of child pornography with a prior sex offense. Tintsman has been in custody since his arrest. According to court documents, Tintsman engaged in an online chat with a person who he believed was a woman with a seven-year-old daughter. In reality, the “woman” was an undercover agent with Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s Homeland Security Investigations. The chats revealed that Tintsman had a sexual interest in children five and older and wanted to engage in sexual conduct with the fictitious seven year old daughter. Tintsman told the undercover he dated the mother of his two prior victims. Investigation revealed that Tintsman had a prior felony

conviction for California PC 288(a) involving two female children under age 14. A search warrant was executed for Tintsman's home on October 22, 2010, pursuant to the search, a computer was found that contained over 600 images of child pornography.

This case stems from an investigation by the ICE's Homeland Security Investigations.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafchildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafchildhood.gov)

**DEFENDANT**

**Case Number: 10cr4607-BEN**

Jerry Louis Tintsman

**SUMMARY OF CHARGES**

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a) (Possession of Images of Minors Engaged in Sexually Explicit Conduct)

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Immigrations and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations