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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - May 31, 2012

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced that today Corey James Loftin pled guilty in federal court to the superseding indictment which charged him with sexual exploitation of a minor, two counts of attempted sexual exploitation of a minor, one count of enticement of a minor, one count of receipt of images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct and one count of distribution of images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2422(b), 2251 and 2252(a)(2), all felonies. Loftin tendered his guilty pleas before Magistrate Judge Bernard G. Skomal. Loftin's guilty pleas are subject to final acceptance by United States District Judge Janis L. Sammartino.

According to the plea agreement, between 2008 to April 29, 2011, in San Diego, Loftin used a computer to communicate by video with two minor females (both born in 2001) located in Pennsylvania for the purpose of persuading each of them to engage in sexually explicit conduct. During this same time frame, Loftin sent text messages to an adult male located in Pennsylvania to request him to video record himself performing various sex acts with one or both of the female children and send the videos to

Loftin. The adult male is being prosecuted in the Middle District of Pennsylvania and entered guilty pleas earlier this year.

Loftin also admitted that on or about March 15, 2010 and January 17, 2011, Loftin used a cell phone camera to take “upskirt” photographs of two different minor females (under the age of seven) at a preschool in San Diego County where he worked. Finally, Loftin admitted to receiving and distributing child pornography depicting the two minor females from Pennsylvania and other unidentified children via the Internet.

At the time of his arrest in April 2011, Loftin was working at a local pre-school, currently had online babysitting ads on the Internet, and previously worked at the Cuyamaca College Child Development Center.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Loftin agreed to a stipulated minimum sentence of 40 years in prison. Sentencing is scheduled before Judge Janis L. Sammartino on August 24, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

This case stems from an investigation by the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s Homeland Security Investigations.

This case was brought as part of the Department of Justice’s Project Safe Childhood and ICE’s Operation Predator. Both are nationwide initiatives to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse, to locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov. For more information about on Operation Predator, please visit www.ice.gov

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 11CR1895-JLS

Corey James Loftin

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2422(b) (Enticement)

Maximum Penalties: Mandatory minimum 10 years’ incarceration to life, mandatory minimum of 5 years’ incarceration, \$250,000 fine, a minimum of 5 years and up to a lifetime of supervised release and registration as a sex offender.

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251 (Sexual Exploitation of a Child/Attempted Sexual Exploitation of a Child)

Maximum Penalties: Mandatory minimum 15 years' incarceration to 30 years per count, mandatory minimum of 5 years' incarceration, \$250,000 fine, a minimum of 5 years and up to a lifetime of supervised release and registration as a sex offender.

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(2) (Receipt/Distribution of Child Pornography)

Maximum Penalties: Mandatory minimum 5 years' incarceration to 20 years per count, mandatory minimum of 5 years' incarceration, \$250,000 fine, a minimum of 5 years and up to a lifetime of supervised release and registration as a sex offender.

INVESTIGATING AGENCY

Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations