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Wilmington Man Pleads Guilty to Receipt of Child Pornography

James D. White, age 47, of Wilmington, Delaware, pled guilty today to receipt of child pornography, in violation of federal law. David C. Weiss, United States Attorney for the District of Delaware, announced the guilty plea following a hearing in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware.

White, who will be sentenced on a date to be determined by Chief United States District Judge Gregory M. Sleet, faces a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in prison and a maximum sentence of twenty years in prison. White also faces a term of supervised release following his prison sentence of five years to life, and will be required to register as a sex offender in any jurisdiction in which he lives, works, or attends school. White has been detained since his May 12, 2009 arrest.

Prior to his May 2009 arrest, White was employed as a service technician for Comcast Corporation. He also served as a volunteer firefighter for the Mill Creek Fire Department.

According to statements made at today's hearing, documents filed in court, and the findings of the criminal investigation, White was identified by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement after he subscribed to a commercial child pornography website. In May 2009, law enforcement agents executed a search of White's Wilmington residence. They

recovered multiple computers on which White had installed evidence elimination software. A forensic examination of these computers showed no trace of child pornography. The agents also recovered, however, a green metal box from underneath White's bed. Inside the box were computer disks to which White had downloaded over 50,000 still images and 3,000 videos of child pornography between May 30, 2003 and April 28, 2009. Also saved to the disks were emails and hyperlinks for various child pornography websites to which White had subscribed.

The images of child pornography found on White's disks included depictions of prepubescent and teenage minors, both male and female, engaged in sexually explicit conduct – either alone, with other minors or with adult males. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children confirmed that White's collection contained 109 distinct series of child pornography in which the child depicted has been identified by law enforcement.

Following the plea hearing, United States Attorney David C. Weiss stated, "Prolific collectors of hardcore child pornography like Mr. White should expect that they will come to the attention of law enforcement agencies. Once identified, they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law."

This case was investigated by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Edward J. McAndrew and Trial Attorney LisaMarie Freitas, of the United States Department of Justice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section.

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