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STONE MOUNTAIN MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR RECEIVING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Atlanta, GA - DAVID JAY BLACKMON, 39, of Stone Mountain, Georgia, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Charles A. Pannell on charges of receiving child pornography through the mail and over the internet.

"When David Blackmon purchased photographs and videos of child pornography, he became complicit in the sexual abuse of those children," said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. "This office will vigorously prosecute persons who participate in the child porn market to help protect children, the most vulnerable members of our society."

BLACKMON was sentenced to 8 years, 1 month in federal prison, and ordered to serve 10 years of supervised release.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias, and the information presented in court: In cooperation with other federal agencies, United States Postal Inspectors learned that BLACKMON had paid to subscribe to a child pornography site on the internet. Through the investigation, Postal Inspectors learned that BLACKMON had responded to a questionnaire indicating his desire to purchase videocassettes of both male and female children engaged in sexual activity. When the videos were delivered on March 4, 2005, to BLACKMON's home, he was arrested. At that time investigators found more than 600 images of child pornography on BLACKMON's computer. The computer also contained a video clip of a prepubescent male being sexually abused by an adult male. The computer was analyzed by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which was able to identify many of the children in the images as known victims of sexual abuse. The ages of the children ranged from infants to approximately 12 years old. At the time of his arrest, BLACKMON was working as a janitor in the Gwinnett County School System.

This case was investigated by United States Postal Inspectors.

Assistant United States Attorney Paul Jones prosecuted the case.

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