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Michigan Man Sentenced to 50 Years in Federal Prison for Child Pornography Offenses

Springfield, Ill. – A Michigan man, David J. Ducharme, 43, was sentenced today in Springfield to serve 50 years in federal prison for production, distribution, and possession of child pornography and making a false statement to federal agents.

Ducharme has been in law enforcement custody since he was arrested in May 2011, in Marquette, Michigan. Ducharme pled guilty in July 2012 to the charges against him.

The charges were investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Kankakee Police Department.

The case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), 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 to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

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