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WEEK IN REVIEW – SOUTH BEND

South Bend, Indiana -- The United States Attorney's Office announced today that:

INDICTMENTS:

- Jeffrey Farmer, 40, of Knox, Indiana, was charged in an Indictment with accessing with the intent to view child pornography. As a result of an investigation by the Stark County Sheriff's Department into allegations that Farmer was molesting a child, law enforcement obtained a federal search warrant to search his computer. During the search agents discovered images depicting child pornography. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Custom Office of Homeland Security Investigations, the Starke County Police and the Hammond Indiana Police Department. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Maciejczyk.

This 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 United States 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.projectsafchildhood.gov.

PLEAS:

- Tom Smith, 43, of Argos, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Nuechterlein to the felony offense of manufacture of Methamphetamine. Sentencing has been set for 3/22/12. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the

Drug Enforcement Administration. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

The United States Attorney's Office emphasized that an Indictment is merely an allegation and that all persons charged are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

DISPOSITIONS:

- Marvin Robinson, 62, of Mishawaka, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Jon DeGuilio to 97 months imprisonment and a supervised release term of life after pleading guilty to the felony offense of distribution of child pornography. In November 2008, law enforcement agents created a profile for a 13 year old female named Emily indicating that she was in 8th grade in school. The law enforcement officer received an Instant Message from the screen name Mishtubaman who was later identified as Marvin Robinson. This interaction began a long term on-line investigation with law enforcement and Robinson, continuing until January 2011. During the chats which spanned this time period, Robinson used AOL email to transmit obscene and pornographic material to a minor. This case was the result of an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Custom Office of Homeland Security Investigations and the Broward County Florida Sheriff's Department, a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Maciejczyk.

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- Zachary Martin, 33, of Plymouth, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to 92 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of conspiracy to manufacture Methamphetamine. In his plea agreement, Martin acknowledged that between January 12, 2010, and April 7, 2010, numerous individuals he knew purchased Pseudoephedrine at local stores. These people then delivered it to him and others working together. They then used the Pseudoephedrine to manufacture Methamphetamine. The Methamphetamine was for sale. When law enforcement in this investigation searched his home in South Bend, he had the elements of a Methamphetamine lab in his home. This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

- Vertin Lopez-Sanchez, 54, of Mishawaka, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Jon DeGuilio to 6 months imprisonment, 6 months of home detention, and 1 year of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of possession of an unregistered firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Mishawaka Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Maciejczyk.
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