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## **OHIO MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT FOR CRIMINAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY**

*Defendant Faces 40 Years in Federal Prison*

**Lafayette, La.:** Larry T. Landt, 47, of Wapakoneta, Ohio, pleaded guilty on Monday, April 5, 2010, to attempting to entice a minor to engage in criminal sexual activity and attempting to transport obscene material to a minor, Acting United States Attorney William J. Flanagan announced today.

The guilty plea was entered on the day scheduled for a jury trial. During the plea it was established that in July 2009, Landt began communicating with an undercover state police officer in a yahoo chat room. After the first on-line chat, all on-line chats occurred by way of instant messaging. From the beginning, Landt believed to be communicating with a 14-year old girl, and engaged in on-line chat with the girl on numerous occasions. In each of the chats, the defendant would ask the girl to engage in sexual activity, and on one occasion, Landt sent a obscene images to the 14-year old girl that depicted a female in bondage.

Landt faces a maximum sentence of 40 years in prison, a \$250,000.00 fine, or both. After release from prison, he faces a maximum of lifetime supervised release. Sentencing in federal court

is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

The case was investigated by Louisiana State Police and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Luke Walker.

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