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Robbinsdale man pleads guilty to possessing child pornography

Earlier today in federal court in Minneapolis, a 53-year-old Robbinsdale man pleaded guilty to possessing more than 2,500 images of child pornography. Bradley Allen Cornelius pleaded guilty to one count of possession of child pornography. Cornelius, who was indicted on December 14, 2010, entered his plea before United States District Court Judge John R. Tunheim.

In his plea agreement, Cornelius admitted that on May 14, 2009, he possessed the images on his computer, on compact discs, and on DVDs. He also possessed some printed images. The images depicted children engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Many of the children depicted were under the age of 12, and some images depict sadistic or masochistic conduct or other depictions of violence. Agents learned about Cornelius through a nationwide investigation into a website hosting child pornography.

For his crime, Cornelius faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, with a mandatory minimum penalty of ten years. Judge Tunheim will determine his sentence at a future hearing, yet to be scheduled. This case is the result of an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Karen B. Schommer.

The U.S. Department of Justice is committed to combating the sexual exploitation of children, particularly via the Internet. For more information about these efforts, please visit the Department's Project Safe Childhood website, at www.projectsafefchildhood.gov.

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