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Inver Grove Heights man sentenced for possessing child pornography

A 35-year-old Inver Grove Heights man was sentenced earlier today in federal court in Minneapolis for possessing more than 600 images of child pornography. United States District Court Chief Judge Michael J. Davis sentenced Matthew Charles Stuart to 90 days in prison on one count of possession of child pornography. In addition, Stuart will serve 15 years of supervised release and ordered to pay \$2,000 in restitution. He was indicted on December 16, 2009, and pleaded guilty on February 8, 2010.

In his plea agreement, Stuart admitted that on June 2, 2009, he possessed more than 600 images of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct. In addition, Stuart admitted downloading the images onto his home computer from the Internet.

This case was the result of an investigation by the Inver Grove Heights Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, an affiliate agency of the Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Richard Newberry, Michelle E. Jones and Karen B. Schommer.

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

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