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Eden Prairie man pleads guilty to possessing child pornography

Earlier today in federal court in Minneapolis, a 46-year-old Eden Prairie man pleaded guilty to possessing child pornography in April of 2009. Appearing before United States District Court Judge Ann D. Montgomery, James Mackay Parrish pleaded guilty to one count of possession of child pornography. Parrish was indicted on November 9, 2010, for possessing child pornography and attempting to receive child pornography after he sent \$400 through the mail to obtain videos depicting children engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

In his plea agreement, Parrish admitted that on April 27, 2010, he possessed on his computer, as well as on compact discs and DVDs, approximately 120 images and one video of child pornography. Some of the images depicted sadistic or masochistic conduct or other depictions of violence. The children depicted have been identified by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Many of the children were under the age of 12 at the time they were abused.

For his crime, Parrish faces a potential maximum penalty of ten years in prison. Judge Montgomery will determine his sentence at a future hearing, yet to be scheduled.

This case is the result of an investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. 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. For more information about these efforts, visit the Department's Project Safe Childhood website, at www.projectsafefchildhood.gov.

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