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Robbinsdale man sentenced for possessing child pornography

MINNEAPOLIS – This afternoon in federal court, a 53-year-old Robbinsdale man was sentenced for possessing more than 2,500 images of child pornography. United States District Court Judge John R. Tunheim sentenced Bradley Allen Cornelius to 120 months in federal prison on one count of possession of child pornography. Judge Tunheim also ordered Cornelius to serve 25 years of supervised release following his term in federal prison. Cornelius is currently in state prison for criminal sexual conduct. His state and federal terms of incarceration will run consecutively. Cornelius was indicted in the federal case on December 14, 2010, and pleaded guilty on April 21, 2011.

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 depicted sadistic or masochistic conduct or other images of violence. Agents learned about Cornelius through a nationwide investigation into a website hosting child pornography. Cornelius had been previously convicted in 1996 in Hennepin County District Court for first-degree criminal sexual conduct.

This case was the result of an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations. It was 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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