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WEST VIRGINIA MAN SENTENCED TO 168 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT FOR TRAVELING INTERSTATE TO SEXUALLY EXPLOIT A MINOR

Between Martinsville, West Virginia and Monroe County, Ohio

COLUMBUS – Jason P. Anderson, 35, of New Martinsville, West Virginia was sentenced in United States District Court today to 168 months imprisonment followed by lifetime supervised release for travelling between Ohio and West Virginia and having sexual relations with a three and one-half-year-old girl.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and Keith L. Bennett, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office (FBI), announced the sentence imposed by U.S. District Judge Michael H. Watson.

Anderson pleaded guilty on July 8, 2010 to one count of Interstate Travel with Intent to Engage in Illicit Sexual Conduct. According to a statement read at the plea hearing by the investigating agent, Anderson began engaging in illicit sexual conduct with the girl in the summer of 2006 and that the sexual conduct continued through approximately August 2007. Anderson explained that while the initial sexual conduct occurred in Monroe County, Ohio in 2006, that in May of 2007, he separated from his wife and moved to the State of West Virginia and took residence at an apartment in New Martinsville, WV. Anderson admitted that on numerous occasions drove to the State of Ohio, picked up the girl and travelled with her back across state lines to his residence in New Martinsville, WV where he repeatedly sexually molested the young girl.

Anderson's sentence will require him to register as a sex offender anywhere that he lives, works or goes to school.

Stewart commended the cooperative investigation by the FBI agents and the Wetzel County West Virginia Sheriff's deputies, and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Michael Hunter and Doug Squires, who prosecuted the case.

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