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**BUCKS COUNTY MAN SENTENCED IN CHILD PORN CASE**

PHILADELPHIA - Richard Boerckel, 68, of Newtown, Pennsylvania, was sentenced today to 30 months in prison, and five years supervised release for possessing child pornography, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. Boerckel had been identified by Homeland Security Investigations as having purchased access to multiple child pornography websites which he used to download hundreds of child pornography images/videos. Boerckel is a graduate of the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY and a retired United States Army Lt. Colonel.

The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bea L. Witzleben.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafchildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafchildhood.gov).

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