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## **DODGEVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR ATTEMPTED POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that John Wolenc, 47, of Dodgeville, Wis., was sentenced Friday, August 6, 2010, by U.S. District Judge William M. Conley to 84 months in prison, without parole, for attempting to possess child pornography. Following his release from prison, Wolenc will be on supervised release for the rest of his life. Wolenc pleaded guilty to the charge on May 25, 2010.

Between June 14, 2008, and continuing thereafter until August 18, 2008, Wolenc sent emails to Illinois attempting to have sexually explicit images of a minor sent to him in Wisconsin. Postal Inspectors arrested Wolenc after delivering a package to Wolenc that he believed would contain the requested images of child pornography. The package, in fact, contained no such images. Instead, the Postal Inspection Service sent the package as a ruse to further the investigation.

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 U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), 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).

The charge against Wolenc was the result of an investigation conducted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter Jarosz.

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