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FORMER TULSA BUSINESSMAN SENTENCED TO 11 YEARS IN PRISON FOR RECEIVING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

WASHINGTON - Terry Brian Dobbs, an Oklahoma businessman, was sentenced today to 11 years in prison for receiving images of child pornography, Acting Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division Rita M. Glavin and U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma David E. O'Meilia announced.

Dobbs, 51, was also sentenced to lifetime supervised release following his term in prison by U.S. District Judge Gregory Frizzel, and was ordered to pay an \$8,000 fine. Dobbs was found guilty after a six-day jury trial in November 2008 of receiving picture and video files of child pornography, which were found on his home computer by federal investigators in July 2006. According to testimony presented at trial, the computer files of child pornography were downloaded by Dobbs between December 2005 and April 2006.

The original indictment charging Dobbs was issued by a federal grand jury in September 2007. A superseding indictment adding to the original charge was issued by the grand jury in July 2008. After the verdict in his trial, Dobbs was ordered to be detained by the U.S. Marshal's Service without bond.

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 the 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.projectsafechildhood.gov.

The case was prosecuted by Trial Attorney Barak Cohen of CEOS and Assistant U.S. Attorney Susan Morgan of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Tulsa. CEOS' High-Tech Investigative Unit and the Tulsa Police Department provided forensic analysis of Dobbs' computer. The charges were the result of an investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

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