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MASSACHUSETTS MAN SENTENCED TO 96 MONTHS IN PRISON ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

WASHINGTON – George H. Lunt, 27, of Plymouth, Mass., was sentenced today to 96 months in prison, to be followed by five years of supervised release for his transportation and possession of child pornography, announced Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer of the Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney Carmen M. Ortiz for the District of Massachusetts and Richard DesLauriers, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Boston Field Office.

Lunt was sentenced by U.S. District Judge George A. O'Toole Jr. in Boston. On March 15, 2011, Lunt pleaded guilty to two counts of transportation of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography. In pleading guilty, Lunt admitted to possessing thousands of images and videos of child sexual abuse, including depictions of prepubescent children and toddlers and sadistic conduct. Lunt admitted to distributing graphic depictions of child sexual abuse through online peer-to-peer file-sharing software. This case arose from an FBI investigation of individuals sharing and trading child pornography over the Internet.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. 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, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafchildhood.gov.

The case against Lunt was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael I. Yoon of the District of Massachusetts and CEOS Trial Attorney Bonnie L. Kane of the Criminal Division. The case was investigated by the FBI.

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