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## MONTANA MAN SENTENCED FOR RECEIPT OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

BILLINGS – Jason Ryan Holden, a 20-year-old resident of Havre, was sentenced today to a term of 240 months in federal prison in connection with his guilty plea to receipt of child pornography. Holden was also ordered to pay a special assessment of \$100 and will be under supervision for life.

In an Offer of Proof filed by the United States, the government stated it would have proved at trial the following:

In May 2008, an FBI operation targeting peer-to-peer file sharing networks offering child pornography determined that a computer in a Havre residence had images of child pornography available to other peer-to-peer users.

When contacted by FBI agents at the residence, Holden admitted to using the LimeWire file sharing program to download child pornography to his computers. Holden informed the agents that he had started downloading the images in 2006. Holden admitted that he had downloaded images depicting children from two years of age to sixteen years of age. He further admitted that the images were of nude children and children engaged in sexual acts. Holden stated that he downloaded approximately 2,500 images of child pornography between 2006 and 2008.

A forensic analysis of Holden's computer revealed more than 600 images of child pornography, including 180 graphic still images and 14 videos. The images included depictions of sexual penetration of children under the age of twelve. The images of child pornography on Holden's computer were downloaded from the Internet, primarily through the LimeWire file sharing program.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Michael S. Lahr prosecuted the case.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, the Department of Justice launched Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices, 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 identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov/](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov/).

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