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MONTANA MAN SENTENCED FOR RECEIPT AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

BILLINGS – Daniel Childs, 24, of Great Falls, was sentenced today to a term of 88 months in federal prison in connection with his guilty plea to receipt and possession of child pornography. Childs was also ordered to pay a special assessment of \$200 and will be under supervision for 5 years.

In an Offer of Proof filed by the United States, the government stated it would have proved at trial: The Wyoming Internet Crimes against Children Taskforce initiated an undercover operation targeting peer-to-peer file sharing networks offering child pornography. In March of 2006, a computer utilizing the IP address assigned to Childs' computer at his residence in Great Falls had images of child pornography available to other peer-to-peer users. On May 5, 2006, agents with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) executed a search warrant at Childs' residence on the Air Force Base in Great Falls. Found during the search was a computer that Childs admitted he used to receive and possess child pornography. Forensic analysis of Childs' computer revealed numerous image files and movies containing images of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct. When questioned, Childs admitted his role in receiving and possessing child pornography via the Internet.

The investigation was conducted by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Assistant United States Attorney Marcia K. Hurd 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/.