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MONTANA MAN SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTION, RECEIPT, AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

BILLINGS – David Allen Williams, a 64-year-old resident of Billings, was sentenced today to a term of 300 months in federal prison in connection with his guilty plea to distribution, receipt, and possession of child pornography. Williams was also ordered to pay a special assessment of \$600, forfeit his computer equipment and residence, and will be under supervision for 15 years. District Court Judge Richard F. Cebull commented that Williams, “was the most prolific child pornography collector” he had seen in six and a half years on the bench and had “hundreds of thousands” of images.

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

A detective with the Keene Police Department in Keene, New Hampshire, was conducting an undercover Internet investigation into the distribution of male child pornography by those using Yahoo! groups. A number of the groups were “private”, by invitation only. A person using the screen name “blewkrew” was a member of some of the groups and was found to have posted images of child pornography. “Blewcrew” was later identified as David Allen Williams from Billings.

Williams also established a number of his own Yahoo! groups that were dedicated to the trading of male child pornography. Williams posted a number of images as well as text messages in the various groups.

On a number of occasions between November 16 and November 21, 2004, Williams distributed child pornography images by posting child pornography images in the Yahoo! group Sinceroom.

On a number of occasions between November 14, 2004, and January 3, 2005, Williams distributed child pornography images by posting child pornography images in the Yahoo! group karmel_korn

On a number of occasions between November 21, 2004, and January 7, 2005, Williams distributed child pornography images by posting child pornography images in the Yahoo! group peaches-n-kreme.

On a number of occasions between November 25, 2004, and January 7, 2005, Williams

distributed child pornography images by posting child pornography images in the Yahoo! group apple-pie-n-ice-kreme.

Based upon the investigation, a search warrant was obtained by ICE and FBI agents in Billings. The warrant was served on May 18, 2005, and Williams was questioned. Found during the search were a large number of computers and computer-related items that were set up to distribute child pornography. Williams had also printed a number of images of child pornography from the Internet that he had pasted on his bedroom wall. He admitted that he used the equipment to distribute, receive, and possess child pornography via the Internet. Williams was using his residence in Billings as the distribution center for images of child pornography world-wide.

Further investigation revealed that from 2001 through May of 2005, Williams received child pornography that had been mailed, shipped, or transported in interstate or foreign commerce by any means, including by computer located at his residence in Billings.

Because there is no parole in the federal system, the “truth in sentencing” guidelines mandate that Williams will likely serve **all** of the time imposed by the court. In the federal system, Williams does have the opportunity to earn a sentence reduction for “good behavior.” However, this reduction will not exceed 15% of the overall sentence.

The investigation was conducted by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Marcia K. Hurd prosecuted the case.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created 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/.

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