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SIXTY-FOUR YEAR OLD MAN SENTENCED TO 37 MONTHS FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

BIRMINGHAM, AL - STANLEIGH C. SHAW, 64, was sentenced to 37 months in federal prison for Possession of Child Pornography. Shaw was charged in an Indictment filed in February, 2008, and plead guilty in April, 2008 on one count of Possession of Child Pornography. Judge Karon O. Bowdre sentenced SHAW to 37 months in prison to be followed by 8 years Supervised Release, and that SHAW register as a Sex Offender. SHAW is to report to prison on October 21, 2008.

According to the plea agreement, during an investigation, ICE agents identified from child pornography member-restricted websites that SHAW, from an address in Oxford, Alabama, made a payment to PayPal for access to a child pornography website. Further investigation revealed that SHAW had recently moved to Turtle Lake Drive in Birmingham. On November 13, 2007, ICE Agents went to Shaw's residence to conduct a Search Warrant. SHAW voluntarily agreed to speak with ICE Agents and consented to the search and seizure of his residence and computers. Images of child pornography were located on SHAW's computer and he confessed to possessing the images of child pornography. A cursory review of the images located on SHAW's computer and/or hard-drive indicated that there were at least 10 images and up to 150 images of child pornography that he possessed. The images of child pornography possessed by SHAW are of real children engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

"Coordinated law enforcement efforts are finding those who subscribe to child porn sites, and subscribers are going to prison," stated United States Attorney Alice H. Martin. "To view is to victimize these children. Without a paying audience producers would go away. It is a business for them."

"This investigation is a clear indication of ICE's resolve to search out those who use the internet to sexually exploit innocent children," said Michael A. Holt, Special Agent in Charge of the Office of Investigations for ICE in New Orleans. "Some predators mistakenly believe that the anonymity of cyberspace shields them from scrutiny; in fact, their use of computers and the Internet have given us new tools to use in our enforcement efforts."

The case was investigated by Special Agents with Immigration and Customs Enforcement with the Department of Homeland Security. Assistant United States Attorney Daniel J. Fortune and Laura D. Hodge are prosecuting the matter on behalf of the United States.

This case was brought as part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood initiative and our continuing efforts to target individuals who possess and distribute child pornography. In February 2006, former Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices nationwide, 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 the national Project Safe Childhood initiative, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

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