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BRIDGEPORT MAN SENTENCED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGE

CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA — A 45 year old Bridgeport, West Virginia, resident was sentenced on December 18, 2007, in United States District Court in Clarksburg by Chief Judge Irene M. Keeley.

United States Attorney Sharon L. Potter announced that Tracey Loar was sentenced to 36 months imprisonment to be followed by lifetime supervised release pursuant to an earlier entered plea of guilty. LOAR entered a plea of guilty on September 6, 2007, to one count of an Indictment charging him with the possession of child pornography from January of 2006 to June of 2006 in Harrison County, West Virginia. LOAR was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

This Crimes Against Children Task Force case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David J. Perri and was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Veterans Administration-Office of Inspector General.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, the Department of Justice 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/.