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## **Chesapeake Man Sentenced on Attempted Enticement and Child Pornography Charges**

**(Norfolk, Virginia)** – William Russell Abbott, age 41, of Chesapeake, Virginia, was sentenced yesterday in Norfolk federal court to 22 years in prison, followed by a lifetime period of supervised release on attempted enticement and child pornography charges. Abbott pled guilty on January 8, 2008 to one count of attempted enticement and one count of transporting child pornography. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Mark McGraw, Acting Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Washington Division, made the announcement today.

According to court documents and information provided in open court at sentencing, Abbott engaged in internet chats with an undercover police officer in New Hampshire who was posing as a 14-year-old boy. During these chats, Abbott engaged in sexually explicit discussions with the boy, sent images of child pornography to the boy, asked the boy if he wanted to engage in sexual relations depicted in the images, discussed traveling to see the boy, and provided the boy with a calling card with which to contact him. On October 25, 2007, federal law enforcement agents searched Abbott's home, pursuant to a warrant, and seized computer media. A subsequent forensic examination of the seized computer media revealed approximately 9,000 images of child pornography.

This case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security—Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Assistant United States Attorney Melissa E. O'Boyle prosecuted the case on behalf of the United States.

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