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Chesapeake Man Convicted on Child Pornography Charges

(Norfolk, VA) – Willoughby Warren Colonna, IV, age 26, of Chesapeake, Virginia, was convicted by a federal jury today of seven counts of transporting child pornography, two counts of advertising the exchange of child pornography by computer, and one count of possession of child pornography. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, also announced that Colonna is scheduled to be sentenced on November 13, 2006, and faces a total of 210 years of imprisonment. The transporting charges each carry a five year mandatory minimum and the advertising charges each carry a fifteen year mandatory minimum.

According to evidence at trial, an FBI agent conducting an online undercover investigation downloaded several child pornography movies from a file sharing system operating through an IP address that was ultimately linked to Colonna's house. A search warrant was executed on Colonna's home on June 24, 2004, and several computers were seized. Forensic examination of Colonna's computer revealed more than four hundred children pornography movies, many including prepubescent children, including one as young as five-years-old. Colonna, who was present at his house during the search, admitted his involvement in collecting and distributing child pornography.

United States Attorney Rosenberg stated, "We will continue to target, pursue, and prosecute these predators and, as this case demonstrates, seek the toughest penalties available under the law."

The investigation was conducted by Special Agent Christopher A. Kahn of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Michael Moore prosecuted the case for the United States.