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CHILD PORNOGRAPHY SENTENCING

Columbia, South Carolina---- United States Attorney REGINALD I. LLOYD, stated today that JUAN ANTONIO VELASQUEZ-RAMIREZ, age 25, of Mexico, was sentenced today in federal court for possession of child pornography, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A. United States District Judge Cameron McGowan Currie sentenced VELASQUEZ-RAMIREZ to 46 months imprisonment and two years of supervised release. As a condition of supervised release, VELASQUEZ-RAMIREZ will be required to report to immigration officials for deportation to Mexico.

On December 14, 2006, VELASQUEZ-RAMIREZ pleaded guilty to possessing images of child pornography. He admitted that he had obtained them from the internet by using a file sharing program on his personal computer.

The case was investigated by agents of the South Carolina Computer Crime Center. Assistant United States Attorney Dean A. Eichelberger of the Columbia office handled 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 to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

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