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CLIVE MAN SENTENCED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGE

Council Bluffs, IA - On July 19, 2010, Matthew Paul McArthur, age 31, of Clive, Iowa was sentenced to a term of 51 months imprisonment upon his conviction for Possession of Child Pornography, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Chief United States District Court Judge Robert W. Pratt ordered McArthur to serve a five-year term of supervised release and be placed on the Sex Offender Registry upon his release from prison. McArthur was also ordered to pay a Crime Victim Fund assessment of \$100.

United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt said that federal laws dealing with the sexual exploitation of minors were designed for internet sexual predators. Klinefeldt further added that while the internet has many practical uses, it is also a place where sexual predators lurk and attempt to sexually exploit children. He encouraged concerned citizens to visit the Iowa Internet Crimes Against Children website at www.iaicac.net for more information on internet safety.

McArthur pled guilty to the possession of child pornography charge on April 4, 2010. This case arose out of an investigation by the Clive Police Department that led to the seizure of McArthur's laptop computer. A forensic exam of McArthur's computer revealed that he had downloaded and saved 268 images of child pornography from the internet.

This case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa. This case was investigated by the Clive and Urbandale, Iowa Police Departments and the Iowa Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), 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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