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**FORMER WASHINGTON, MISSOURI HIGH SCHOOL COACH SENTENCED TO  
FEDERAL PRISON ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES**

ST. LOUIS, MO - Carl A. Hagedorn, Washington, Missouri, was sentenced to 46 months in prison, followed by supervised release for life, for possession of child pornography, United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway and Franklin County Sheriff Gary Toelke announced today.

"Nothing we do is more important than protecting children from predators—especially from those we trust to educate our children," said Hanaway. "Thanks to the commitment of the Franklin County Sheriff's Department we have ensured that this man will serve a significant prison sentence."

On January 18, 2006, a state search warrant was executed on Hagedorn's residence in Washington, Missouri. Law enforcement officers found numerous images of children under the age of twelve engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Mr. Hagedorn also distributed images of child pornography over the internet.

Hagedorn, 49, 700 block of Horn St., Washington, Missouri, pled guilty last October to one felony count of possession of child pornography. He appeared today for sentencing before United States District Judge Rodney Sippel.

This case is being 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 identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov)

In addition to the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, Hanaway commended the work on the case by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Missouri Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the Regional Computer Crimes Education and Enforcement Group, and Assistant United States Attorney Carrie Costantin, who handled the case for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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