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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Donald L. Gasser, 52, of Oregon, Wisconsin, was sentenced on May 26, 2006, by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 24 months in federal prison for attempting to possess child pornography. Gasser pleaded guilty to this charge on March 10, 2006.

In February 2004, Gasser visited a sexually-oriented internet site and ordered a DVD containing child pornography. The advertisement for the DVD made it clear what the material contained and that it was illegal. After questioning by law enforcement, Gasser admitted to ordering child pornography.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales launched 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/.

United States Attorney Sinnott praised the efforts of law enforcement in their attempts to thwart the proliferation of child pornography. The charge against Gasser was the result of an investigation conducted by the United States Postal Inspection Service. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

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