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JANESVILLE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO PRODUCING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

MADISON, WISCONSIN - Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jeremy C. Schade, 27, of Janesville, Wisconsin, pleaded guilty yesterday in U.S. District Court in Madison to eight counts of producing child pornography. Each count was a separate video and represented a separate victim.

Between June 2002 and October 2006, the defendant sexually assaulted six children and filmed the encounters. Five of the movies show Schade sexually assaulting a different child. One of the movies shows Schade directing and instructing two minors to have sexual intercourse. One of the movies depicts a child undressing, masturbating, and spreading his legs for the camera at the defendant's direction. The eighth movie shows Schade pull down the pants of a minor and zoom the camera in on the minor's groin and anal area.

U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz scheduled sentencing for April 25 at 1:30 p.m.. Schade faces a minimum of fifteen years and a maximum of life in prison.

This case has been 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 U.S. 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.

The charges against Schade were the result of an investigation conducted by the Janesville Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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