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SILVER SPRING MAN SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS
FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

At The Time of His Arrest, On Supervised Release For Committing Same Offense

GREENBELT, Maryland - Randy Koontz, age 27, of Silver Spring, Maryland, pleaded guilty and was sentenced today to ten years in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release for possession of child pornography, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein. U.S. District Judge Deborah K. Chasanow also ordered Koontz to register as a sex offender upon his release, in accordance with state law.

According to the statement of facts presented at today's guilty plea, on November 23, 2004, Randy Koontz possessed images of minor females engaged in sexually explicit conduct, which he printed at one of the computers at the Macklin Tower Library at Montgomery College in Maryland. Certain of the images possessed by Koontz and which the FBI obtained from him while he was logged into the Macklin Tower Library computer involved a minor who was not yet 12 years old. When approached by FBI agents at the Macklin Tower Library, Koontz admitted to using the computer on numerous occasions to obtain the images in his possession and to view others online.

At the time that he was in possession of the child pornography, Randy Koontz was on supervised release for a prior conviction for possession of child pornography.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked the Federal Bureau of Investigation for their work performed in this case. Mr. Rosenstein also praised Assistant United States Attorney David I. Salem, who prosecuted the case.