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MONTANA MAN SENTENCED FOR RECEIPT AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

BILLINGS – Charles Theodore Squires, a 41-year-old resident of Livingston, was sentenced today to a term of 151 months in federal prison in connection with his guilty plea to receipt and possession of child pornography. Squires was also ordered to pay a special assessment of \$200, forfeit his computer equipment, and will be under supervision for life.

In an Offer of Proof filed by the United States, the government stated it would have proved at trial the following:

During the evening of September 15, 2006, Squires took a silver and black Toshiba Qosmio laptop computer into the Billings Best Buy store for repair. While repairing the computer, technicians found images of child pornography and Best Buy management contacted the FBI.

On September 18, 2006, a search warrant was obtained to search Squires' computer for child pornography. Found during the search and subsequent forensic analysis of the computer, were numerous items of child pornography that Squires received via the Internet and saved. The files contained images of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct. When questioned, Squires admitted his role in receiving and possessing child pornography via the Internet.

Because there is no parole in the federal system, the "truth in sentencing" guidelines mandate that Squires will likely serve **all** of the time imposed by the court. In the federal system, Squires does have the opportunity to earn a sentence reduction for "good behavior." However, this reduction will not exceed 15% of the overall sentence.

The investigation was a cooperative effort between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Assistant United States Attorney Marcia K. Hurd prosecuted the case.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, the Department of Justice 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/.

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