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REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY VIOLATIONS

- First life sentence imposed in Kentucky for child exploitation*
- Multiple felony arrests*
- 2 convictions for statutory rape and sexual contact*

LOUISVILLE, KY - James Terry Moore, a multiple convicted felon, age 42, of Louisville, Kentucky, was sentenced to life imprisonment for violating federal child exploitation laws, David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today. Moore, a registered sex offender, had previously pled guilty to advertising, receiving, distributing, and possessing child pornography on numerous occasions in 2006. United States District Judge Charles R. Simpson, III, imposed the sentence under a federal law that requires life imprisonment for certain repeat child sex offenders.

Moore's life sentence in this case was mandated by his two prior convictions for statutory rape and gross sexual imposition, or sexual contact, with a child under the age of 13. U.S. Attorney Huber said, "Moore's criminal history shows the close connection between contact sex offenders and Internet child pornographers and vividly demonstrates the real danger these types of defendants pose to our children." Approximately 30 percent of this office's cases indicate, in one way or another, that these defendants have had sexual contact with a child. A Federal Bureau of Prisons study of internet pornographers indicates that over 80 percent of these federal prisoners have had some sexual contact with children or minors.

Moore has two convictions, one from Hamilton County, Ohio, in 1991 and the other in Shelbyville, Tennessee, in 1988, for rape and sexual contact with girls 13 years old.

Moore admitted to running a file server with approximately 7,000-8,000 images of child pornography. Approximately 5,000 of the images involved children under the age of 12 engaged in sexual activity - including bondage and rape by adult males. Images retrieved from Moore's computer also included at least 30 files showing children who had previously been identified through the Child Victim Identification Project (CVIP) through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC).

Moore was initially discovered by an FBI Special Agent in Buffalo, New York, who was conducting an internet investigation of child pornography distribution. Moore is registered as a convicted sex offender in Louisville, Kentucky.

Assistant United States Attorney Jo E. Lawless prosecuted the case. The Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted the investigation.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative of the Department of Justice designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorney's 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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