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WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA — A 64 year old Wheeling, West Virginia, resident was sentenced today (October 2, 2006) in United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia in Wheeling by Judge Frederick P. Stamp, Jr.

Acting United States Attorney Rita R. Valdrini announced that **RICHARD MANSUETTO** was sentenced to 46 months imprisonment to be followed by two years supervised release and was ordered to pay a fine of \$3,000, pursuant to an earlier entered a plea of guilty. **MANSUETTO** entered a plea of guilty on June 28, 2006, to a one-count Information charging him with possession of images of child pornography on October 18, 2005, in Wheeling.

MANSUETTO was found to be in possession of over 2,000 images of child pornography in addition to 150 videos collected over an approximately five-year period. The vast majority of the images and videos involved depictions of pre-pubescent (under the age of 12) minors. Many of these images and videos depicted actual sex acts between adults and kids, some of which constituted sadistic and masochistic conduct.

“The Adam Walsh Child Protection Act of 2006 contains a congressional finding that every instance of viewing child pornography represents a renewed violation of the privacy rights of the victims and a repetition of their abuse,” stated Acting United States Attorney Valdrini. “Each of the children whose images were found on **MANSUETTO**’s computer equipment were re-victimized when he viewed them in the manner that they were depicted.”

MANSUETTO is currently free on bond and will self-report to a designated federal institution.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David J. Perri. The case was investigated by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the United States Attorney’s Office Crimes Against Children Task Force, with assistance from the Ohio County Sheriff’s Department.

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