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## **PITTSBURG, TEXAS MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY VIOLATIONS**

MARSHALL, TX – U.S. Attorney John M. Bales announced today that a 41-year-old Pittsburg, Texas man has been sentenced to federal prison for child pornography violations in the Eastern District of Texas.

**LAWRENCE JOSEPH REYNOLDS, II**, pleaded guilty on Feb. 5, 2009, to the sexual exploitation of a minor and was sentenced today to 300 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge T. John Ward.

According to information presented in court, on June 19, 2008, federal agents seized Reynolds' personal computer and found numerous images of child pornography on it. Some of the images appeared to match the identity of a known minor. Reynolds admitted to law enforcement agents that he had taken the images and distributed them to several persons via his computer and the Google "Hello" program. Reynolds also admitted to receiving and distributing child pornography in interstate commerce via the Internet.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), 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 to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

This case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Jackson.

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