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Martinsburg Resident Entered Guilty Plea to Possession of Child Pornography

MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA — A 24 year old Martinsburg, West Virginia, resident entered a plea of guilty today (August 14, 2008) in United States District Court in Martinsburg before Magistrate Judge David J. Joel.

United States Attorney Sharon L. Potter announced that **JIMMY LEE PITTSNOGLE** entered a plea of guilty to one count of an Indictment charging him with knowingly possessing a computer and other material containing images of child pornography that had been shipped in interstate commerce on January 11, 2007, in Berkeley County, West Virginia.

PITTSNOGLE, who is currently in custody pending sentencing, faces a maximum exposure of 10 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Paul T. Camilletti. The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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

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