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Buffalo man sentenced for possession of child pornography

A 62-year-old Buffalo man was sentenced yesterday in federal court on one count of possession of child pornography.

On June 11 in Minneapolis, United States District Court Judge Joan Ericksen sentenced James Carl Zadow to 68 months in prison and supervised release for life. Zadow, who must also register as a sex offender, was charged on Jan. 16 and pleaded guilty on Feb. 5.

According to Zadow's plea agreement, he admitted that on Feb. 12, 2008, he possessed one or more matters, specifically computers, hard drives and compact discs, which contained visual depictions of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

This case was the result of an investigation by the Wright County Sheriff's Office and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Clifford B. Wardlaw.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood (PSC), a national 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, PSC 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 PSC, visit www.projectsafchildhood.gov.