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Newport News Man Sentenced for Child Pornography Offense

(Norfolk, Virginia) – Thomas William Young, age 24, of Newport News, was sentenced today to five years in prison, followed by 10 years of supervised release. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, made the announcement after young was sentenced by United States District Judge Walter D. Kelley, Jr. Young had pled guilty on March 14, 2007 to one count of possession of material containing child pornography.

According to court documents, investigation into Young began in September, 2003 when a confidential informant in Australia reported to police in that country that the informant had received child pornography from an email address later linked with Young, as well as communications indicating a sexual interest in children. Federal law enforcement agents searched Young's Poquoson home pursuant to a warrant on October 7, 2003. During the search, Young told agents that he was involved in collecting child pornography. Forensic review of a computer seized during the search revealed approximately 380 images of child pornography and 20 child pornography videos.

This case was investigated by Queensland, Australia Police Service, the Australian Federal Police, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security—Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Assistant United States Attorney Michael C. Moore prosecuted the case on behalf of the United States.

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