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### NEWS RELEASE

#### **GRANTVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO 87 MONTHS ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES**

Thomas A. Marino, United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, announced that Steven M. Dyke, age 48, of Grantville, Pennsylvania, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Yvette Kane to a term of imprisonment for possession of child pornography. Judge Kane sentenced Dyke to a 87-month term of imprisonment and further ordered that Dyke serve a life term of supervised release and pay a \$1000 fine.

According to U.S. Attorney Marino, between December 2003 and March 2004, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) received 11 complaints regarding images contained on a Yahoo internet group and an individuals who was posting images on this same group. NCMEC turned these complaints over to the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC). The ICAC identified the individual who posted these images as Dyke. ICAC contacted the United States Postal Inspection Service, who then initiated an investigation. Upon review of the reported complaints, agents learned that Dyke had posted almost 100 images, over 80 of which contained child pornography. Agents executed a search warrant of Dyke's residence and seized Dyke's computer and several computer disks and CD-roms. An analysis of Dyke's computer found over 1000 images of child pornography. Agents also found over 275 images of child pornography on the CD-ROMs seized.

This case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dennis C.

Pfannenschmidt under the Project Safe Childhood initiative. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales 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.

U.S. Attorney Marino thanked the individuals and agencies involved in the investigation and prosecution of Dyke. Mr. Marino went on to note that the sentencing of Dyke symbolizes the responsibility each of us have in protecting the most innocent and fragile members of our community, our children. By working with reported complaints, law enforcement was able to arrest, prosecute and remove a child predator from the community.

For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov/](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov/).

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