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HIGHLAND VILLAGE MAN SENTENCED FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY VIOLATIONS

PLANO, TX – U.S. Attorney John M. Bales announced today that a 57-year-old Highland Village, Texas man has been sentenced to federal prison for child pornography violations in the Eastern District of Texas.

RUDY LYNN MILLS pleaded guilty on Jan. 7, 2009, to using a computer to obtain and possess child pornography and was sentenced today to 37 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Marcia Crone.

According to information presented in court, in 2007, Mills possessed several video clips and visual depictions of child pornography using his internet account. Mills admitted to possessing between 10 and 150 images of children involved in sexually explicit conduct. Some of the children depicted in these images were prepubescent.

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.projectsafefchildhood.gov.

This case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Terri L. Hagan.

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