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THREE AREA MEN FACE FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

St. Louis, MO: Djuan Brown was sentenced to 78 months in prison, followed by supervised release for life, United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway announced today.

Brown, 20, St. Louis, 63134, pled guilty in April to one felony count of possession of child pornography, for his May 2007 possession of images of child pornography on his computer.

In an unrelated case, Robert Koudijs, 59, Overland, MO, pled guilty last week to one felony count of possession of child pornography. Koudijs had images of child pornography on his computer in July 2007. He now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or fines up to \$250,000.

During an on-line investigation in June 2007, a St. Louis County detective identified the Internet Protocol ("IP") address of Koudijs in Overland, MO. During a subsequent search warrant officers seized computers and computer media from the residence. Koudijs admitted with his plea to downloading, viewing and saving child pornography videos to his computer via the internet using file sharing software called Limewire.

Also pleading guilty last week was David B. Armstrong, 26, Florissant, 63033, to two felony counts of possession of child pornography. Between March and October 2006, Armstrong possessed material containing images of child pornography on his computer. He now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or fines up to \$250,000, per count.

These cases were brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, the Department of Justice launched 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.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

Hanaway commended the work on these cases by St. Louis County, St. Charles City and Des Peres Police Departments, the St. Charles County Sheriff's Department, Postal Inspection Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Missouri Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the Regional Computer Crimes Education and Enforcement Group; and Assistant United States Attorneys Reginald Harris and Carrie Costantin, who handled the cases for the U.S. Attorney's Office.