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## **BRITISH NATIONAL SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES**

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Paul N. Hutchinson, 29, a United Kingdom residing in Barrington, R.I., was sentenced Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Providence to 60 months in federal prison and will face possible deportation for downloading from the Internet and storing approximately 5,800 images and 144 videos depicting child pornography.

At sentencing, U.S. District Court Judge William E. Smith also ordered Hutchinson to serve 10 years of supervised release following his prison term and to pay restitution in the amount of \$3,800 to one of the victims depicted in his collection of child pornography. Hutchinson pleaded guilty on January 18, 2012, to a two-count indictment charging him with possession and receipt of child pornography.

Hutchinson's sentence was announced by Peter F. Neronha, U.S. Attorney for the District of Rhode Island; Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer of the Justice Department's Criminal Division; Bruce M. Foucart, Special Agent in Charge of ICE - Homeland Security Investigations in New England; and Colonel Steven G. O'Donnell, Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police.

According to information presented to the court at the time of Hutchinson's guilty plea, in August 2010, an investigator with the Rhode Island State Police Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force discovered that a computer with an IP address coming back to the defendant's residence was sharing files recognized by law enforcement to be images or videos of child pornography. Based in part on these observations, a court authorized search of defendant's residence resulted in the seizure of a laptop computer and an external digital hard drive owned by Hutchinson.

Forensic audits by agents from the ICAC Task Force and the Department of Justice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section revealed approximately 5,800 images and 144 videos of child pornography. The images and videos included prepubescent children, including infants, depicted in a variety of sexual activity and forced sexual encounters.

Hutchinson, who had been released on bond, self-surrendered to the U.S. Marshals Service on January 3, 2012, when his visa expired.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Terrence P. Donnelly and Mary Rogers; and Trial Attorney Darcy Katzin of the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section in the Justice Department's Criminal Division.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who sexually exploit children, and to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.usdoj.gov/psc](http://www.usdoj.gov/psc) For more information about internet safety education, please visit [www.usdoj.gov/psc](http://www.usdoj.gov/psc) and click on the tab "resources."



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