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MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

PORTLAND, Ore. – Timothy Olander, 49, was sentenced today to 15 years in federal prison for knowingly receiving computer images containing child pornography, including images containing visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, and having traveled in interstate commerce. He was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Ancer L. Haggerty.

Olander's arrest came after a year-long investigation that began in 2005 by the Cyber Crimes Center, an investigative arm of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Child Exploitation Section. ICE had received information from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children that certain Web sites containing child pornography and available by subscription had been paid for and accessed by Olander's brother, David Olander. Case agents executed a search warrant on Jan. 5, 2006 at Timothy Olander's residence and found that his brother, David, had gained access to the Internet wirelessly through Timothy Olander's computer. When agents told Timothy Olander they were going to seize his computer, he then admitted to possessing child pornography on his computer, and that he had copied it to CDs and other media.

"Thanks to the hard work of ICE agents, this defendant was brought to justice," stated U.S. Attorney Karin J. Immergut. "Prosecuting those engaged in the sexual exploitation of children is a top priority for this office. This defendant collected horrible images of children being sexually victimized. We are pleased that he will be removed from the community for a significant period of time."

During a search of Timothy Olander's room, agents found printed stories of sexual exploits involving children, numerous photographs of children and several pairs of children's underwear in a bag. Timothy Olander told agents that he found the children's underwear in a backpack outside the synagogue where he worked. Olander said the photographs of children were pictures he had taken of children at the synagogue and that he had collected the photographs over several years. Most of the pictures came from the trash or off the floor. Several of the photographs were laminated. Also found was a large manila envelope containing children's undergarments which he stated belonged to the child of a prior sexual abuse for which he had been convicted.

A forensic analysis of the computer found in Timothy Olander's room revealed an extensive collection of 1,500 images, at least 600 images which reflected children engaged in sexually explicit conduct, and 300 video files. At least one of the videos included images of sadistic or masochistic conduct being performed on the child. According to case agents, the

images also reflected prepubescent minors based on their lack of observable secondary sexual characteristics.

David Olander was indicted by a federal grand jury and remains on release pending the resolution of his charges. David Olander remains innocent until he is proven guilty.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales launched Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. 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/.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Greg Nyhus.

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