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## **EAST TEXANS GUILTY OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY VIOLATIONS**

MARSHALL, Texas — Two East Texas men have pleaded guilty in separate child pornography cases in the Eastern District of Texas announced U.S. Attorney John M. Bales today.

Corey Robert Collins, 31, of Marshall, and Terry Don Briant, 49, of Gilmer, Texas, each pleaded guilty to possessing child pornography today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Chad Everingham.

According to information presented in court, on May 19, 2010, investigators executed a search warrant at Collins' home for suspected child pornography. During the investigation, Collins admitted to downloading child pornography over the Internet using his laptop, and consented to a search of his computer. A forensic analysis of the computer revealed 24 complete downloaded videos of child pornography. Some of the material depicted children less than 12 years of age engaged in sadistic or masochistic conduct.

Also, on May 19, 2010, investigators executed a search warrant at Briant's home for suspected child pornography and seized several digital cameras and computers. A forensic examination of a laptop was found to contain about 86 videos and 17 pictures of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Some of the material depicted children less than 12 years of age engaged in sadistic or masochistic conduct.

These cases are being prosecuted 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.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

Collins and Briant each face up to 10 years in federal prison at sentencing. Sentencing dates have not been set.

These cases are being investigated by the U.S. Secret Service and the Longview Police Department's Cyber Crimes Unit and are being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher T. Tortorice.

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