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## **Former NASA Executive Sentenced for Child Pornography Distribution**

(Alexandria, VA) - James Ross Robinson, III, of Sterling, Virginia was sentenced today to 60 months in prison for distribution of child pornography. Robinson had pled guilty to a charge of distribution of visual depictions of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct on July 17, 2006. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, made the announcement after sentencing by U.S. District Judge Gerald Bruce Lee. Robinson was also ordered to register as a sex offender.

According to court documents, Robinson, who was the Program Executive for the In Space Propulsion, Mission, and Systems Management Division at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Headquarters in Washington, D.C., distributed child pornography over the Internet to several different undercover U.S. Postal Inspectors in March 2005. Robinson distributed the child pornography from his home in Sterling, Virginia, as well as from NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the NASA Office of the Inspector General. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Gerald J. Smagala.

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