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## **THREE AREA PEOPLE SENTENCED ON FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES**

St. Louis, MO: Three St. Louis area people have been sentenced on charges child exploitation charges, Acting United States Attorney Michael W. Reap announced today.

Today:

Robert Saavedra, 28, Ballwin, MO, was sentenced to 78 months in prison, followed by a life time of supervised release, on one felony count each of receipt and possession of child pornography.

Timothy Bryan Rose, 39, Lake St. Louis, MO, was sentenced to 180 months in prison, following by a life time of supervised release, on one felony count of sexual exploitation of a child.

Robert A. Beste, 59, Ballwin, MO, was sentenced yesterday to 90 months in prison, followed by supervised release of 10 years, on one felony count of possession of child pornography, two felony counts of receipt of child pornography and two felony counts of transportation of child pornography.

These cases are brought 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.projectsafchildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafchildhood.gov).

Reap commended the work on the cases by the St. Louis County Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Missouri Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the Regional Computer Crimes Education and Enforcement Group; and Assistant United States Attorneys Robert Livergood, Allison Behrens, and Carrie Costantin, who handled the cases for the U.S. Attorney's Office.