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## **HUNTINGTON MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

(Lufkin, Texas) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 32-year-old Huntington man has been sentenced to 151 months in federal prison for distributing images of child pornography in the Eastern District of Texas.

**TROY MATTHEW PHILLIPS** was sentenced by United States District Judge Ron Clark today.

U.S. Attorney Orwig was pleased with the sentence, "This hefty sentence speaks volumes as to the seriousness of this crime. These crimes are not victimless. The exploitation of children makes it a tragic case for everyone involved."

According to information presented in court, Phillips' co-workers became suspicious that Phillips was viewing pornography on a computer owned by his employer during his workday. The employer checked the computer after Phillips departed and discovered pictures that appeared to be child pornography. Authorities were contacted and an investigation resulted in the discovery of numerous pornographic images, including child pornography, on the computer.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a national initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led

by the United States 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 on Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov/](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov/).

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Lufkin Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Reynaldo P. Morin.

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