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**SANTA FE MAN SENTENCED TO SEVEN AND A HALF YEARS IN PRISON
FOR FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CONVICTION**

ALBUQUERQUE – This morning a federal judge sentenced Patrick Railsback, 62, of Santa Fe, N.M., to a 90-month term of imprisonment for his child pornography conviction. Railsback will be on supervised release for ten years after he completes his prison sentence. He also will be required to register as a sex offender.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that a federal jury convicted Railsback on all counts of a seven-count indictment charging him with child pornography offenses on Sept. 16, 2011, following a two-day trial. Railsback has been in federal custody since the jury returned its guilty verdict.

Railsback was arrested on Sept. 15, 2009, based on an indictment charging him with five counts of receipt of visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct and two counts of possession of child pornography. The indictment was the result of an investigation initiated by the New Mexico State Police (NMSP) and New Mexico Attorney General's Office (NMAGO) after America Online (AOL) notified the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) that an E-mail address subscribed to Railsback had been used to transmit child pornography.

The evidence at trial revealed that, on Oct. 2, 2007, AOL alerted the NCMEC that it had intercepted an E-mail containing an image of child pornography. Because the E-mail account was associated with a zip code in Santa Fe, the NCMEC contacted the NMAGO. After the NMAGO determined that the E-mail account was subscribed to Railsback, it referred the matter to the NMSP. On Jan. 10, 2008, NMSP officers and law enforcement officers who participate in the New Mexico Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force executed a search warrant at Railsback's residence and seized a computer and computer media. While the search was on-going, NMSP officers interviewed Railsback and he admitted possessing over a hundred images of child pornography on his computer that he had received by E-mail.

A forensic examination of Railsback's computer and computer media confirmed that they contained images and videos of child pornography. Specifically, the examination revealed that there were 57 images and 16 videos of child pornography on Railsback's computer and 28

images and one video of child pornography on his USB Drive. The NCMEC concluded that the pornography contained in Railsback's computer and USB Drive included 13 images of 13 children who have been identified as child pornography victims and have been rescued, and eight videos of two children who have been identified as child pornography victims and have been rescued.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Charlyn E. Rees and Kimberly A. Brawley, and was investigated by the NMSP, NMAGO and other law enforcement agencies associated with the New Mexico ICAC Task Force. The case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, 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.justice.gov/psc/.

The case also was brought as part of the New Mexico ICAC Task Force whose mission it is to locate, track, and capture Internet child sexual predators and Internet child pornographers in New Mexico. There are 64 federal, state and local law enforcement agencies associated with the New Mexico ICAC Task Force, which is funded by a grant administered by the NMAGO. Anyone with information relating to suspected child predators and suspected child abuse is encouraged to contact federal or local law enforcement.

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