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For Immediate Release

**Former Middle School Teacher Sentenced to Federal Prison
For Receipt and Possession of Child Pornography**

NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY – September 23, 2013

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced today that Timothy James Hensley was sentenced to serve 70 months in federal prison, in addition to five years of supervised release, and to register as a sex offender, by United States District Court Judge Irma E. Gonzalez. Hensley, a former local middle school teacher at Bell Middle School, in San Diego, pled guilty on May 16, 2013 to a five count indictment charging him with receipt and possession of child pornography.

As part of his guilty plea, Hensley admitted to receiving images of a minor female approximately 10 years of age engaged in sexually explicit conduct as well as to possessing an iMac computer and computer disks containing images depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(2) and (4)(B). According to court records, several of these images depicted prepubescent minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. The defendant was arrested

by special agents with Homeland Security Investigations on January 15, 2013, following the execution of a federal search warrant at Hensley's residence.

This case stems from an investigation by the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations.

This case was brought as part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood, and ICE's Operation Predator, both are nationwide initiatives launched to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Office and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who sexually exploit children, and to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.usdoj.gov/psc. For more information about Internet safety education, please visit www.usdoj.gov/psc and click on the tab "resources." For more information about on Operation Predator, please visit www.ice.gov.

DEFENDANT

Criminal Case No. 13cr0393-IEG

Timothy James Hensley

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SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Three Counts: Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(2) (Receipt of Child Pornography)

Two Counts: Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B) - Possession of Child Pornography

INVESTIGATING AGENCY

Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations