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## **LAFAYETTE MAN SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES**

*City employee gets over 12 years for receiving child pornography  
on home and work computers*

**Lafayette, Louisiana** . . . United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced that **SAUL VINCENT GUILLIOT**, age 33, of Broussard, Louisiana, was sentenced in United States District Court for receiving child pornography. U.S. District Judge Tucker L. Melancon sentenced GUILLIOT to 12 and a half years in prison, followed by 20 years of supervised release.

GUILLIOT was indicted in November 2008 and pled guilty on January 21, 2009 to one count of receiving child pornography.

Evidence of child pornography was discovered by a supervisory employee on GUILLIOT's computer on a day when he was on sick leave from his duties as an employee with the City of Lafayette. The supervisor needed to obtain information from GUILLIOT's work computer, and in doing so, observed child pornography. Pursuant to a search warrant executed on the defendant's work area and home, child pornography was found on his work computer and on his home computer, as well as CD's containing child

pornography. Further investigation revealed that GUILLIOT had downloaded child pornography images and movies from the internet and then transferred those images to CD's. Because the child pornography images were downloaded from the internet, they traveled in interstate commerce.

At the sentencing, held on May 7, 2009, GUILLIOT argued that his possession of child pornography was a mistake. He claimed that he had unintentionally downloaded the material and failed to erase it. In response, the United States put forward evidence that the defendant had done searches for hard core child pornography and that he had collected images from the newspaper of children in the Lafayette, Louisiana area. All of these things, the prosecution argued, demonstrated that the defendant intentionally downloaded child pornography and that he had a sexual interest in children. The Court, in sentencing the defendant, agreed with the United States.

U. S. Attorney Donald Washington stated: "This office will continue to aggressively pursue predators of innocent children, which will be met by vigorous investigations and prosecutions seeking maximum punishment."

Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. United States Sentencing Guidelines established by the United States Congress and the United States Sentencing Commission are only used as guidelines by the judge in determining the appropriate sentence. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Luke Walker.

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