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**NEW IBERIA MAN SENTENCED TO 235 MONTHS IN PRISON
FOR RECEIVING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

LAFAYETTE, La.: United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today that Jason Daniel Scott, 30, of New Iberia, La., was sentenced to serve 235 months in federal prison for possession of child pornography. The sentence was handed down this week by U.S. District Judge Richard T. Haik in federal court in Lafayette, La. In addition to the prison term, the judge also sentenced Scott to 10 years of supervised release, following confinement.

Scott pleaded guilty in July of 2012, to receiving child pornography. According to court documents previously filed with the court, an undercover investigation revealed that the defendant was using Limewire to receive child pornography. Limewire is an internet peer to peer site used to trade files among members and is regularly used to distribute child pornography. Pursuant to a search warrant executed at Scott's residence, a forensic examination of his computer revealed that Scott received a video via the internet on July 14, 2010, which contained a prepubescent child engaging in sex with an adult. There were 11 videos found on Scott's computer, all including prepubescent children engaging in sexual activities with adult men.

U.S. Attorney Finley stated, "Child pornography is one of the most disturbing crimes in this country. The children in these videos are victimized by being sexually exploited, and they are re-victimized as the images are distributed over and over again. The U.S. Attorney's Office, along with our federal state and local law enforcement partners, have made these prosecutions a priority and will continue our efforts to protect children."

The case was investigated by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Luke Walker.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched 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.projectsafechildhood.gov.

The U.S. Attorney's Office and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Homeland Security Investigations/Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) encourages the public to report suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. This hotline is staffed around the clock by investigators.

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