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**LAFAYETTE MAN SENTENCED TO 78 MONTHS IN PRISON  
FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

**Lafayette, La.:** United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced that Kermit Escudier, III, 53, of Lafayette, La., was sentenced to serve six and a half years in federal prison for possession of child pornography. The sentence was handed down on Monday by District Judge Richard T. Haik in federal court in Lafayette, La. In addition to the prison term, the judge also sentenced Escudier to five years supervised release.

Escudier pleaded guilty in September of 2011, to possession of child pornography. Documents filed with the court prior to the sentencing revealed that during an undercover investigation of Limewire, law enforcement discovered child pornography on the defendant's computer which was located at his residence.

Limewire is an internet peer to peer site used to trade files among members that is regularly used to distribute child pornography. Over 100 images of prepubescent child pornography and over 100 videos of hardcore, prepubescent child pornography was found on Escudier's computer.

United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley stated, "Possessing child pornography is a crime with serious consequences. The U.S. Attorney's Office will continue to vigorously prosecute these types of cases. Those who engage in this type of activity should be clear that federal, state and local law enforcement are committed to do as much as we can to protect children."

The case was investigated by the Louisiana Attorney General's Office, Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Luke Walker.

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