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**LAFAYETTE MAN SENTENCED TO 60 MONTHS IN PRISON
FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Lafayette, La.: United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced that Marlon David Clark, 29, of Lafayette, La., was sentenced to serve five years in federal prison and five years supervised release, for possession of child pornography. The sentence was handed down on Wednesday by U.S. District Judge Richard T. Haik in federal court in Lafayette, La.

Clark pleaded guilty in February of 2012, to possession of child pornography. Documents filed with the court prior to the sentencing revealed that during an investigation conducted by the Lafayette Police Department Cyber Crimes Unit, officers were able to locate persons who possessed, manufactured or distributed pornography. Their investigation led them to Clark's residence in Lafayette where they discovered child pornography on the defendant's home computer. He turned himself in to the authorities and admitted that he was the only one who had access to that computer. Clark also admitted that he downloaded over 3,000 images of child pornography and then converted them so they could be accessed on his Motorola Xoom device.

The case was investigated by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and Lafayette Police Department Cyber Crimes Unit. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James T. McManus.

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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