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**LAFAYETTE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO  
PRODUCTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

**LAFAYETTE, La.:** United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today that Cedric Conner, age 37, of Lafayette, pled guilty on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, before U.S. Magistrate Judge C. Michael Hill in federal court in Lafayette, to production of child pornography charges.

According to court documents, Conner, while baby sitting a 7-year-old minor female, photographed her in sexually explicit poses. Some of those photographs not only included the child, but also included Conner engaging in sexually explicit acts while in the presence of the child.

At sentencing, Conner faces a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of not less than 15 years nor more than 30 years in prison. Sentencing in this matter will be set at a later date.

The case was investigated by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office. The case is being 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](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

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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