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**SULPHUR MAN SENTENCED TO 210 MONTHS IN PRISON
FOR RECEIVING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Defendant receives lifetime supervised release

Lafayette, La.: United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today that Lester Hugh Golden, 31, of Sulphur, La., was sentenced to serve 17 ½ years in federal prison for possession of child pornography. The sentence was handed down by U.S. District Judge Richard T. Haik in federal court in Lafayette, La. In addition to the prison term, the judge also sentenced Golden to a lifetime of supervised release.

Golden pleaded guilty in February of 2012, to receiving child pornography. According to court documents previously filed with the court, an undercover investigation revealed that the defendant attempted to join a child pornography website multiple times. During an FBI search at Golden's residence, the defendant confessed to downloading child pornography from the internet on numerous occasions. A forensic examination of the defendant's computer revealed 1,600 images and 75 videos of child pornography.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Lake Charles Resident Agency. 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.projectsafefchildhood.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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