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**WATSON, LA MAN SENTENCED TO 75 MONTHS IN PRISON  
FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES**

*Defendant receives 15 years supervised release*

**LAFAYETTE, La.:** United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today that David Lee Baldwin, Jr., 43, of Watson, La., was sentenced on October 9, 2012, to serve 75 months in federal prison for receiving child pornography. The sentence was handed down U.S. District Judge Elizabeth E. Foote in federal court in Lafayette, La. In addition to the prison term, the judge also sentenced Baldwin to 15 years of supervised release, following his confinement.

Baldwin pleaded guilty in March of 2012, to receiving child pornography. Documents filed with the court prior to the sentencing revealed that during the course of an online investigation, agents discovered that Baldwin was accessing the internet via a wireless internet connection in both Denham Springs and Lafayette, La. using Frostwire to receive child pornography on his laptop computer. Frostwire is an internet peer to peer file sharing program used to trade files among members and is regularly used to distribute child pornography. After the defendant was arrested, he confessed to receiving the child pornography while staying at the Travel Lodge in Lafayette, La. and at a friend's apartment in Lafayette. An examination of his laptop revealed approximately 100 images and 240 videos of child pornography. Agents confirmed that images with creation dates from April 1, 2011 through May 13, 2011 were obtained while Baldwin was staying at the Travel Lodge.

United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley stated, "Today's sentence should send a message to those who distribute, download or collect child pornography that there are serious consequences for engaging in this type of activity. They should understand that this office, along with our federal, state and local partners, is committed to do everything we can to protect children."

The case was investigated by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and the Lafayette Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys J. Collin Sims and Daniel J. McCoy.

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).

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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