

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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United States Attorney Joe Stecher and the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, announce the following information for the attention of the media:

#### **Event Triggering this Release:**

Timothy Wight, 41, was sentenced for the receipt of child pornography. The Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon sentenced Wight to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons for 5 years. After his release from prison, Wight will begin a 5-year term of supervised release.

On August 14, 2007, agents of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) served a search warrant on Wight's residence. The warrant was based upon the investigation of a commercial child pornography website known as "Home Collection." Wight was found to have subscribed to at least five websites offering child pornography. During an interview on August 14, 2007, he admitted to downloading child pornography from websites near the end of 2006. Forensic review of the computer revealed more than 600 images of child pornography. Eighty-two of the images portrayed known and identifiable children depicted in sexually explicit conduct.

Name of Defendant: Timothy Wight

#### AKA:

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Receipt of Child Pornography – Not less than 5-20 years of imprisonment, \$250,000 fine, or both imprisonment and fine, not less than 5 years supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Omaha, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

## **Relevant Dates:**

Date of Alleged Crime: On or before August 14, 2007

Federal Arrest Date: February 7, 2008

**Date Complaint Issued:** 

**Indictment Returned Date**: January 16, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: February 7, 2008

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Pled on August 1, 2008

Sentencing Date: December 10, 2008

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable Thomas D. Thalken

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Released on a personal recognizance bond with supervision

**In Continuous Custody Since:** 

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon

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