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SAN ANTONIO MAN SENTENCED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that George Wenglein, Jr., was sentenced to 78 months in federal prison after pleading guilty to possession of child pornography. U.S. District Judge Fred Biery also ordered that he pay a \$100,000 fine, reimburse the government for the cost of his incarceration and be placed under supervised release for the rest of his life after completing his prison term.

"Child pornography victimizes children again and again. Any expansion of the market for this filth causes more children to be abused and their lives destroyed. As a society we must stand against this evil and relentlessly pursue those who hurt our children," stated United States Attorney Johnny Sutton.

By pleading guilty, Wenglein admitted that on January 12, 2005, he was in an Internet chat room entitled "vry yung" and responded to a message that he had child pornography videos to trade. Thereafter, on March 4, 2005, a search warrant was executed at the defendant's residence where FBI agents found a laptop computer and a thumb drive. Forensic analysis found that the thumb drive contained sixteen (16) jpeg images, many with incestuous titles, and eighty one (81) movie clips of child pornography which showed infants and toddlers being sexually abused.

This case is being prosecuted as part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood (PSC) initiative. PSC is a comprehensive initiative aimed at preventing the abuse and exploitation of children through the Internet or other distribution technology. PSC creates, on a national platform, locally designed partnerships of federal, state, and local law enforcement officers in each federal district to investigate and prosecute Internet-based crimes against children. In addition to integration of law enforcement at the district level, PSC also provides for effective participation of PSC partners in coordinated national child pornography initiatives as well as increased federal involvement in basic child pornography and enticement cases.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorney Mary Nelda Valadez.

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