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Mandan Man Sentenced for Possession of Child Porn

BISMARCK - United States Attorney Drew H. Wrigley announced that on January 5, 2009, **Chad A. Mutschelknaus**, 30, of Mandan, North Dakota, was sentenced before United States District Court Chief Judge Daniel L. Hovland on a charge of possession of materials involving the sexual exploitation of minors.

Judge Hovland sentenced **Mutschelknaus** to serve five years and three months in federal prison, to be followed by 10 years of supervised release. **Mutschelknaus** was ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund and to register as a sex offender.

Mutschelknaus pleaded guilty on October 6, 2008, to being in possession of over 5000 still images on his computer which depicted child pornography.

"Those who sexually exploit children should know that they will be held accountable for their actions," said Donald Robinson, resident agent in charge of U.S. Immigration and Custom's Enforcement's Office of Investigations in Minot, ND. "We will continue to work closely with prosecutors and law enforcement agencies at the local, state and federal level to investigate and bring child predators to justice."

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The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney Clare Hochhalter prosecuted the case.

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