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**“RICHLAND RESIDENT WHO SUBSCRIBED TO 4 SEPARATE CHILD
PORNOGRAPHY WEB SITES PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF CHILD
PORNOGRPAHY”**

Spokane – Today, James A. McDevitt, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, announced that a Richland resident, Andrew Kenneth Meek, age 27, pleaded guilty to Possession of Child Pornography.

At his change of plea hearing this afternoon in federal court in Spokane, Andrew Meek admitted that he subscribed to four separate child pornography Internet web sites between 2003 and 2004. Andrew Meek admitted to downloading on his computer over 200 video files and 2,200 photographic images of child pornography, from these web sites. The pornography included depictions of sadistic abuse of very young children and included children under the age of 12 years.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Cyber Crimes Center discovered Meek through a subscriber list obtained through a broader nationwide investigation of child pornography web sites. The subscriber list showed that Andrew Meek had used his credit card to pay for access to these illegal web sites.

Andrew Meek faces a maximum 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, as well as a term of post release supervision for the rest of his life. Sentencing is set for December 19, 2006, in Richland, Washington.

This investigation was conducted by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement. This case is being prosecuted by K. Jill Bolton, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington.