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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - October 29, 2007

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Patrick William Handley was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in San Diego by the Honorable Thomas J. Whelan to serve 51 months in custody based upon his guilty plea to an Information charging him with one count of possession of child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B). Judge Whelan also ordered that Handley serve a three-year term of supervised release following his release from prison and required Handley to register as a sex offender.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Alessandra P. Serano, who prosecuted the case, Handley admitted that he possessed at least one image on his computer which contained images of minors, including an infant, with an adult engaging in sexually explicit conduct. According to court documents, at the time of his arrest, Handley also had over 600 images that contained child pornography on his computer.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to locate,

apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims of the exploitation. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

DEFENDANT **Case Number: 06cr2523W**

PATRICK WILLIAM HANDLEY

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section and 2252(a)(4)(B) (Possession of Child Pornography)

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