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**EVENT: Sentenced**

**Defendant: Leo Joseph Rudolph**

**MACOMB COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS  
FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY MANUFACTURE AND DISTRIBUTION**

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Leo Joseph Rudolph, 44, of Ray Township, Michigan was sentenced today in Federal District Court following his October 2007 guilty plea to manufacture of child pornography, child pornography transportation, child pornography receipt, and, one count of child pornography possession, announced United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy. Mr. Murphy was joined in the announcement by Brian Moskowitz, Special Agent in Charge, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Rudolph was sentenced by the Honorable David M. Lawson to 30 years in federal prison, to be followed by supervised release for the rest of his life.

From January until May 2007, Rudolph, enticed, threatened and otherwise coerced a 9 year-old girl to engage in sexual acts with him. He photographed and videotaped these acts and later distributed them on the Internet. At the time of his arrest, Rudolph was found in possession of well in excess of 600 images of child pornography, which depicted real children, including the victim, engaged in explicit sexual conduct. Rudolph had downloaded much of his collection of child pornographic images and/or videos from the Internet.

At the time of the sentence, Assistant United States Attorney Jeanine Jones advised the court that the conduct of the defendant and the images that he distributed defied description by word, but cataloged the ongoing sexual assault and abuse of a child. She advocated that the extended incarceration of Rudolph would protect children from being victimized by him in the future.

United States Attorney Stephen Murphy said: “The link between child molestation and child pornography could not be any more powerfully demonstrated than it is in this case. For a man to insinuate himself into a single-parent family in order to sexually abuse an innocent 9-year-old girl is too despicable for words, and fully deserves the 30-year prison sentence handed down today. We cannot forget that the Internet market for child pornography depends on the creation of a fresh supply of images showing the criminal sexual abuse of children. This is why these cases are and will remain an enforcement priority for my office.”

Murphy praised the work of agents of the DHS-ICE Detroit Division, as well as the work of ICE agents in Oregon who originally located the images. Their dedication of time and skill necessary to work to reveal and apprehend these predators has been most successful. The DHS-ICE computer crimes and child exploitation unit, Murphy said, consistently demonstrates professionalism and dedication in their aggressive and thorough investigation of these cases.

Assistant United States Attorneys John O'Brien and Jeanine Jones prosecuted case for the United States.