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**EVENT: Guilty Plea**

**Defendant: James Joseph Kelly**

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**MILFORD DOCTOR PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES**

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James Joseph Kelly, a 49 year-old Milford anesthesiologist, pleaded guilty to possession of child pornography in federal court today before United States District Court Judge David M. Lawson, Acting United States Attorney Terrence Berg announced.

Berg was joined in the announcement by Andrew G. Arena, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in Detroit.

Kelly admitted that he possessed hundreds of images of child pornography depicting children under the age of 12, engaged in a lascivious display of the genitals. . Earlier this year, Kelly fled to Portugal to avoid prosecution and was featured on the TV program *America's Most Wanted*. Kelly remains in custody and his anticipated guideline range is 57 to 71 months imprisonment. He will be sentenced on December 16, 2008 at 3:00.

The Michigan Department of Community Health has suspended Kelly's medical license.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, the Department of Justice launched Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United

States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov/](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov/).

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