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## **FORMER CDC EMPLOYEE SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

ATLANTA, GA - SCOTT McCOMBS, 42, of Canton, Georgia, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Orinda D. Evans on a charge of possession of child pornography. McCOMBS was sentenced to 2 years in federal prison to be followed by 10 years of supervised release, and fined \$5,000. McCOMBS pleaded guilty to the charge on November 11, 2005.

“This case is particularly egregious because it involves a federal employee who was using his government laptop computer to receive and store images of child pornography,” said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. “Through combined efforts of local and federal law enforcement agencies, we were able to take him out of cyberspace and cut off his support of the child porn industry.”

According to the evidence presented in court: In July 2004, the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at McCOMBS' residence located in Cherokee County, Georgia. McCOMBS' computer and numerous media storage devices were seized pursuant to the warrant. Forensic analysis of the computers and storage devices revealed over 1000 images of child pornography.

McCOMBS was then the Chief of the Surveillance Epidemiology and Outbreak Investigations Branch in the Division of Tuberculosis Elimination at the Center for Disease Control(CDC). A federal search warrant was executed on MCOMBS laptop business computer. Hundreds of images of child pornography were found on that computer as well.

This case was investigated by Cherokee County Sheriffs Deputies and Special Agents of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations.

Assistant United States Attorney Randy S. Chartash prosecuted the case.

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