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## **CHILD PREDATOR PLEADS GUILTY**

### **Dr. Adam Lebowitz Admits Abusing Boys And Producing Child Pornography**

Atlanta, Georgia-- ADAM WAYNE LEBOWITZ, 48, of DeKalb County, Georgia pleaded guilty today to multiple charges before United States District Judge Richard W. Story. LEBOWITZ admitted child exploitation; that he produced child pornography on two occasions and that he used a computer to entice a child to engage in sexual activity.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said: "This is one of the more egregious cases of child abuse we have seen. This defendant used the internet to prey on boys. He enticed at least two under-age boys to meet him to engage in illegal sexual activity and then videotaped the encounters. He then further victimized these boys by spreading the images of their sexual abuse over the internet, where they were, and will be, seen by untold numbers of potential predators. He had planned to engage in the same conduct with a Coweta County child. Thankfully, that boy alerted law enforcement and allowed us to lock up this defendant before he could abuse anyone else. He will now remain in prison for many years."

"There is little that is more troubling than the abuse or intended abuse of a child and for those individuals bent on such abuse, like Dr. Lebowitz, the internet provides an easy forum for unseen access to children. However in the hands of vigilant citizens and effective law enforcement the Internet allows us to see the unseen and draw these individuals out into the light of justice. I am pleased to be part of bringing justice to Dr. Lebowitz and his victims," said District Attorney Peter John Skandalakis.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias, the charges and other information presented in court: LEBOWITZ began communicating with a young boy in Massachusetts in 2003. Shortly after the child turned 16, the defendant filmed a sexual encounter with the boy. In late 2006, from his home in DeKalb County, the defendant sent these images of the sexual abuse out over the internet. The defendant continued in this pattern with another boy he met online, who lived in Georgia. After they met for a sexual encounter while the boy was under-age, LEBOWITZ sent more images of the abuse over the internet in late 2006 from his DeKalb home. Around the same time, late

2006, LEBOWITZ met another under-age boy from Coweta County online. He arranged to meet that boy for a sexual encounter. That boy, however, alerted authorities to the scheme, and LEBOWITZ was arrested outside the boy's house, in possession of camera equipment and sexual paraphernalia.

According to the plea agreement, LEBOWITZ waived his right to confidentiality about his medical condition, which is HIV positive. LEBOWITZ did not inform any of the children of his illness prior to engaging in sexual activity with them, and law enforcement authorities in Coweta, and DeKalb Counties as well as federal authorities are asking any other potential victims to contact their local police, and seek medical consultation.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Safe Child Task Force, along with the Clayton County Police Department.

Assistant United States Attorney Francey Hakes, along with the office of District Attorney Peter John Skandalakis of Coweta Judicial Circuit, prosecuted the case.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales launched Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorney's 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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