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**NEW MEXICO MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON ON
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that in Pecos, Texas, this afternoon, 58-year-old Aaron Scott Elkins of Alamogordo, NM, was sentenced to 135 months in federal prison for receipt and possession of child pornography.

In addition to the prison term, United States District Judge Robert Junell ordered that Elkins be placed under supervised release for a period of ten years after completing his prison term

In 2004, Elkins was a graduate student at Sul Ross University in Alpine, TX. On November 24, 2004, federal authorities executed a search warrant at the defendant's residence and seized several personal computers, a camera and related media. A subsequent evaluation of the computer and equipment revealed over 2,000 images depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Elkins pleaded guilty to the charge in January 2008.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation—Midland Office. It was prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorney James J. Miller, Jr.

This case is being prosecuted as part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood (PSC) initiative. PSC is a comprehensive initiative aimed at preventing the abuse and exploitation of children through the Internet or other distribution technology. PSC creates, on a national platform, locally designed partnerships of federal, state, and local law enforcement officers in each federal district to investigate and prosecute Internet-based crimes against children. In addition to integration of law enforcement at the district level, PSC also provides for effective participation of PSC partners in coordinated national child pornography initiatives as well as increased federal involvement in basic child pornography and enticement cases.

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