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**INDIANAPOLIS MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON ON CHILD
PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES**

WASHINGTON – Thomas Lane, 57, of Indianapolis, was sentenced to 120 months in prison today by U.S. District Chief Judge Larry J. McKinney for possession of child pornography, Assistant Attorney General Alice S. Fisher of the Criminal Division and U.S. Attorney Susan W. Brooks of the Southern District of Indiana announced today.

On January 3, 2007, Thomas Lane pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana in Indianapolis to one count of possession of child pornography. The government's evidence showed that the defendant possessed images and binders with photos of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct. The majority of the images, printed out and organized in the binders, also contained links to Internet web site addresses. Lane, in 1998, had been previously convicted of receipt of child pornography.

Chief Judge McKinney also imposed lifetime supervised release following Lane's release from prison

This case was the result of a joint investigation of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC). Members of the ICAC included Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Indiana State Police, the Indianapolis Police Department, and the Kokomo Police Department. The case was prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice. The forensic examination of the computer evidence was conducted by the Kokomo Police Department and the Department of Justice High Tech Investigative Unit.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created 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

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