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## **BATESVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO 292 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR TRAFFICKING IN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

NEW ALBANY, Ind. – A Batesville man has pleaded guilty and been sentenced for Internet trafficking in child pornography, Assistant Attorney General Alice S. Fisher of the Criminal Division and Acting U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana Timothy Morrison announced today.

Jerry A. Browder had earlier pleaded guilty to distributing, receiving and possessing child pornography based upon his Internet activity. U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton sentenced him yesterday to 292 months of imprisonment, followed by supervised release for the remainder of his life.

The charges arose from an undercover law enforcement operation in Australia that targeted individuals using chatting software to trade movies and pictures of child pornography. On July 27, 2006, the FBI received information from the Queensland Police Service, Internet Child Exploitation Unit, regarding contacts with an individual later identified as Browder. During two online chat sessions, Browder sent numerous pictures files of child pornography to the undercover officers in Australia as part of graphic discussions of his sexual interest in very young children. Based upon this information, the Indiana State Police and the FBI obtained a federal warrant to search the computer Browder was then using in a residence near Batesville.

The Indiana State Police deployed its mobile forensic laboratory and employed innovative computer forensic triage techniques to examine the computer Browder was using during the execution of the search warrant. When confronted with the results of this triage examination, Browder confessed to the FBI and the Indiana State Police that he sent the material to the undercover agents. In addition, Browder also confessed to sending and receiving material with other persons online.

According to the information presented during the sentencing hearing, Browder trafficked in computer files containing depictions of minors as young as infants and material that included violent activity. When he committed these offenses, Browder was already on probation for a prior state conviction for child molestation.

This case was brought as part of 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 <http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov/>. The case also represents an outstanding example of global cooperation by law enforcement to combat the spread of child pornography.

The case was being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven DeBrotta of the Southern District of Indiana and Trial Attorney LisaMarie Freitas of the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the Department of Justice's Criminal Division. According to DeBrotta and Freitas, the district court also ordered Browder to undergo sex offender treatment as register as a sex offender during his period of supervised release.

The case was investigated by the Indiana State Police, the FBI, the Queensland Police Service, and the Indiana Crimes Against Children Task Force, with the assistance of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

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