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WOMAN SENTENCED TO 35 YEARS FOR PRODUCING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JENNIFER JACOBI, 35, Greenville, Indiana, was sentenced to 420 months imprisonment late yesterday by U.S. District Judge John Daniel Tinder following her guilty plea to two counts of producing child pornography. This case was the result of a several month investigation by the Harrison County Sheriff's Office, Harrison County Prosecutor's Office, Piscataquis County (Maine) Sheriff's Office, Brownville, Maine Police Department, Indiana State Police, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Indianapolis), and the Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC).

In 2005, JACOBI produced child pornography involving two minors, ages 9 and 6. The images of the Jane Does were located in Maine on February 8, 2006, during an investigation of another individual, Richard Prado, who was later charged by Maine authorities and who committed suicide on April 4, 2006, while in custody. JACOBI has already pleaded guilty to felony offenses of child molest, conspiracy to commit child molest, and fondling offenses in Harrison County, Indiana, and was sentenced to 76 years, with 10 years suspended, on October 23, 2007. The federal and state sentences will run concurrent with each other.

Although state "good-time" credit is day for day, federal "good-time" amounts to less than 60 days per year. Therefore, a 35-year sentence would require serving nearly 30 years of "real-time" before any possibility of release.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Tinder also imposed supervised release for life following JACOBI's release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, JACOBI must register as a sex offender and must undergo sex offender treatment, and cannot have unsupervised contact with children.

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.

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