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VOLUSIA COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO 6 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR TRADING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Sex offender must also register for life with the state

ORLANDO, FL – U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neil and Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum today announced that a Volusia County man was sentenced yesterday to six years in federal prison after he pleaded guilty to possessing and compiling child pornography. Law enforcement officials discovered Kristopher Michael Storey's distribution and promotion of pornographic videos of children during an undercover online investigation. Following the completion of his prison term, Storey must also serve 10 years of supervised release and must register with the state as a sex offender for life.

"The volume of child pornography circulating throughout our state is overwhelming, especially when you understand that each image is the graphic representation of a sex crime committed against a child," said Attorney General McCollum."

"The protection of children from online exploitation and abuse is a top priority of the Department of Justice, through its Project Safe Childhood program. This case

illustrates the important collective role that federal, state and local authorities play in locating, apprehending and prosecuting individuals who exploit children via the internet," said U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neil.

Storey, 29, was trading child pornography over the internet where it was discovered by an FBI agent in South Florida and traced back to Storey. Acting with the FBI CyberCrime Task Force in Jacksonville, investigators with the Attorney General's CyberCrime Unit interviewed Storey, who admitted he had been collecting and trading images and videos of child pornography for years. His computer was seized from his South Daytona home, along with hundreds of images of child pornography. Storey was arrested in April 2007 by officers with the Attorney General's CyberCrime Unit, the Volusia County Sheriff's Office and the FBI.

The investigation was conducted by investigators with Attorney General McCollum's CyberCrime Unit, the FBI and the Volusia County Sheriff's Office. Storey was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Karen Gable for the Middle District of Florida.

The CyberCrime Unit's mission is to protect children from computer-facilitated sexual exploitation. The unit does this by working cooperatively on a statewide basis with law enforcement agencies and prosecutors to provide resources and expertise while preventing the spread of these crimes through education and community awareness. Storey's arrest is the 39th made by officers with the unit since its inception in October 2005. The CyberCrime Unit is a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) of North Florida and the Jacksonville FBI Office CyberTask Force.