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EVENT: Sentenced

Defendant: Patrick Jeffrey

ROYAL OAK MAN SENTENCED TO 96 MONTHS ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY POSSESSION CHARGE

Terrence Berg, Acting United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, announced that Patrick Jeffrey, 40, of Royal Oak, Michigan, was sentenced to 96 months in prison today in United States District Court for his conviction of Possession of Child Pornography. Jeffrey pleaded guilty to the offense on July 2, 2008 and the sentence was imposed by the Honorable Nancy G. Edmunds, who also imposed five years of supervised release, and restitution in the form of reimbursement for the cost of therapy for the victims.

The information presented to the court at the time of the plea showed that Jeffrey brought in film to the Woodward Camera store in Birmingham in order to develop pictures from the film. Employees of Woodward Camera, in preparation to print the requested pictures, found child sexually abusive pictures on the negative film and contacted the police. When the Defendant returned to Woodward Camera to pick up the film and pictures, the police arrested him.

A subsequent investigation revealed that Jeffrey had taken and developed over 20 pictures of his twin three and a half year-old daughters in sexually abusive poses that sometimes included Nazi memorabilia, such as a Nazi flag and a "battle helmet."

Acting United States Attorney Terrence Berg said, "When children are exploited sexually, and when this conduct is then preserved in a picture, the harm is also preserved and the victim subject to a continuing kind of violation. Today's sentence shows that this kind of conduct will result in lengthy prison term."

In imposing a sentence of 96 months, Judge Edmunds sentenced the Defendant above the advisory guideline range as established by the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

Berg praised the work of the Birmingham Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigations for their aggressive and thorough investigation of this case.

Assistant United States Attorney Matthew A. Roth, handled the prosecution for the United States.