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EVENT: Guilty Plea

Defendant: Donald Keith Solomon

MT. CLEMENS MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

A 39-year-old Mt. Clemens man was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment in federal court today, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced. Joining in the announcement was Brian M. Moskowitz, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of Investigations in Detroit.

Donald Keith Solomon pled guilty to receipt of child pornography on April 2, 2008 before Judge John Corbett O'Meara in Ann Arbor. Solomon was first identified by federal agents in 2003 as part of their investigation into Regpay, a Belarus-based company operating child pornography websites and payment services. In June and July 2003, Solomon attempted to purchase access to websites containing child pornography videos at least 36 times.

In 1993, Solomon was convicted of Criminal Sexual Conduct – 2nd Degree after performing a sex act on a child under 13. He served a year in prison and was put on five years probation. He violated his probation in 2000 by failing to register as a sex

offender and was sentenced to another 150 days in custody.

On August 21, 2007, after Solomon again failed to register as a sex offender, state and federal agents raided his home at an apartment complex on Gibbs St. in Mount Clemens. During the resulting search, agents discovered that Solomon had been downloading child pornography through WebTV, a television-based internet service. Solomon also had stored nearly 500 images of child pornography in Yahoo and Hotmail e-mail accounts. Among the images were children younger than 12. Two days later, on August 23, Solomon was arrested and has remained in federal custody.

United States Attorney Murphy stated that, "Individuals involved with child pornography in any way – including purchasing and downloading such images – fuel an industry that abuses, hurts, and causes irreparable physical and emotional harm to young children. Our critical mission includes doing all we can to protect these children and preventing similar abuse from being visited on other potential victims. As part of that mission, we will enforce the laws that require sex offenders to register. I commend the members of our office and the investigating agency ICE who worked hard to achieve the result in this case."

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, the Department of Justice launched 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 www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Leonid Feller.