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GEORGIA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

ATLANTA -- JOHN BAYARD COLE, 23, of Marietta, Georgia, pleaded guilty yesterday in federal district court to possessing child pornography. In November 2004, federal agents investigating Cole's on-line activities obtained a search warrant for his house and computers. The computers and storage media were found to contain hundreds of images of child pornography.

"Mr. Cole and others like him – the consumers of child pornography – are not committing a victimless crime. Their consumption of this contraband supports an ugly and dangerous industry that preys on society's most vulnerable – our children," said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias.

Senior United States District Court Judge Marvin H. Shoob accepted Cole's guilty plea. Cole was indicted in April of 2005 and will be sentenced on May 5, 2006, at 2pm. His crime of conviction carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

This case was investigated by agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Robert C.I. McBurney is prosecuting the case.

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