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FORMER SCOUT LEADER SENTENCED FOR COLLECTING CHILD **PORNOGRAPHY**

ATLANTA (March 22, 2006) -- SAMUEL J. PORT, 35, of Ball Ground, Georgia, was sentenced in federal court to a prison term of 8 years of probation and 6 months of home confinement for possessing dozens of video clips of child pornography. Port was caught when he brought in his employer-owned computer for maintenance. An alert service technician, who spotted the contraband on PORT's computer, notified authorities. The FBI's subsequent forensic scan of PORT's computer revealed over 100 movie clips containing pornography related to young boys. PORT, who has no children, had been active in a local boy scout troop for over five years.

"Sadly, pedophiles and people who are addicted to child pornography can be found everywhere. Parents and law enforcement need to remain vigilant, as some who claim to care about our children may in reality have very different designs for them." said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias.

Chief United States District Court Judge Orinda D. Evans sentenced PORT late this afternoon. PORT will be registered as a sex offender. PORT was indicted in July 2005 and pleaded guilty in January to a single count of possessing child pornography.

This case was investigated by Special Agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney Robert C.I. McBurney prosecuted the case.

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