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## **MANATEE MAN SENTENCED TO FORTY YEARS FOR TRAFFICKING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Tampa, Florida - Robert Leslie Metz, age 54, formerly of Manatee County, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Susan C. Bucklew to 40 years' imprisonment for receipt and distribution of child pornography. Metz had entered a guilty plea on April 21, 2008.

According to court records, Robert Leslie Metz was involved in the distribution and receipt of child pornography over the internet, and actively traded child pornography images with individuals throughout the United States and Europe. Upon the defendant's arrest for trafficking child pornography, he was found in possession of thousands of depictions of child pornography, including pornographic images of infants and toddlers, which had been sent and received by internet. As part of his plea agreement, Metz admitted that he had sexually molested three of his daughters when they were minor children.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Innocent Images Task Force, Fort Meyers Resident Agency, the Manatee County Sheriff's Office, and the Lee County Sheriff's Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Colleen Murphy Davis.