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TAMPA MAN GETS 45 YEARS FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Tampa, Florida - U.S. District Judge James D. Whittemore, yesterday sentenced Brian Wilcox, age 50, to 45 years' imprisonment and a term of supervised release for life upon his release from prison.

On October 10, 2007, Wilcox pled guilty to production, possession and transportation of child pornography.

According to court documents, in February, 2007, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office received a report from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, who had received information from the website "Photobucket." "Photobucket" is a website which allows users to upload photographs which they can view and show other people. Personnel at "Photobucket" had found that an individual user, later identified as Brian Wilcox, had posted images depicting child pornography to "Photobucket." A search warrant was obtained and various computer equipment was seized which was found to contain child pornography including graphic images that the defendant had produced. Wilcox admitted that he used a digital camera to take the child pornography images. The forensic examination of the computer equipment and media that was seized from the defendant, showed that the defendant possessed approximately 120 images of child

pornography. There were several graphic pornography images involving a child as young as five years old.

The case was investigated by Hillsborough County Sheriffs' Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda C. Kaiser.