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**ST. AUGUSTINE MAN SENTENCED TO 16 MONTHS
IN FEDERAL PRISON AND LIFETIME SUPERVISED RELEASE
FOR FAILING TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER**

Jacksonville, FL - U.S. District Judge Virginia M. Hernandez Covington sentenced Michael Anthony Litturi, age 47, of St. Augustine, on July 1, 2008, to a term of imprisonment of 16 months and a lifetime term of supervised release for failing to register as a sex offender after moving from Connecticut to Florida. Litturi was also sentenced to a concurrent term of 12 months' imprisonment on a related misdemeanor failure to register charge. Litturi pled guilty to both these charges on January 23, 2008.

According to court documents, Litturi, who is a registered sex offender in Connecticut, moved to and established residence in Florida in 2006 without notifying the appropriate Connecticut authorities. From July 27, 2006 through August 9, 2007, Litturi knowingly and unlawfully failed to register as a sex offender in the state of Florida. Litturi was arrested on these charges on October 1, 2007 in St. Augustine, and has been in custody since that date.

This case is the first federal "Failure to Register" case prosecuted in Jacksonville under Title 18, United States Code, Section 2250, which is part of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006. The case was investigated by the United States Marshals Service and the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys D. Rodney Brown and Kevin C. Frein.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, the Department of Justice created Project Safe Childhood, a national initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorney's 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 on Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.