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JACKSONVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR ATTEMPTED POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Jacksonville, FL - U.S. District Judge Henry Lee Adams, Jr., today sentenced Allen Edward Sinclair, age 43, a resident of Jacksonville, to 5 years in federal prison and an 8 year term of supervised release for attempted possession of child pornography. Sinclair was also ordered by the Court to register under federal and state law as a sex offender. Sinclair pled guilty on March 25, 2008. At the conclusion of his sentencing hearing, Sinclair was remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service to commence serving his sentence.

According to court documents, on several occasions during the period between December 2005 and September 2006, Sinclair accessed a commercial website that offered images and videos of child pornography to users over the Internet for a fee. Sinclair accessed and viewed at least 1,300 images of child pornography using a laptop computer, and these images were stored on the computer's hard disk drive. Several of the images found on the computer portrayed sadistic conduct.

The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. Assistant United States Attorney D. Rodney Brown handled the prosecution of this case.

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.