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PUTNAM COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR RECEIPT AND TRANSPORTATION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Jacksonville, FL - U.S. District Henry Lee Adams, Jr., late yesterday sentenced Donald Richard Miller, age 60, a resident of Crescent City, Florida, to a term of 7 years in prison and a 10 year term of supervised release for receipt and transportation of child pornography. Miller was also ordered by the Court to register under federal and state law as a sex offender. On March 5, 2008, Miller was found guilty by a federal jury after a three day trial in U.S. District Court in Jacksonville of two counts of receiving child pornography and two counts of transporting child pornography by computer over the Internet.

According to court testimony and evidence introduced during the trial, during 2006, Miller knowingly received and transmitted images of child pornography by electronic mail ("e-mail") over the Internet at his residence in Crescent City to individuals in Michigan and New Jersey. On July 13, 2007, a search of Miller's residence by law enforcement officers revealed, among other things, several computers and a number of compact disks belonging to Miller. Forensic analysis of one of the computer hard drives and two of the compact disks revealed numerous images of child pornography.

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 Attorneys Office's, 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.

This case was investigated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys D. Rodney Brown and Kevin C. Frein.