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### **LOVES PARK MAN SENTENCED TO 262 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES**

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and THOMAS P. BRADY, Postal Inspector-in-Charge of the Chicago Office of the United States Postal Inspection Service, today made the following announcement:

United States District Judge Frederick J. Kapala today sentenced **THOMAS J. BEAULIEU**, 46, of Loves Park, Illinois, to 262 months in federal prison for receiving and possessing child pornography which had traveled across state lines.

Beaulieu was found guilty by a federal jury in Rockford on January 9, 2008, following a three-day trial. The trial related to two charges against Beaulieu, one charge of receiving sixteen DVDs which depicted child pornography, and one charge of possessing images, computer files and videos which depicted child pornography. The investigation of Beaulieu resulted from his order of child pornography from a U.S. Postal Inspector who was conducting an online, undercover investigation. Beaulieu sent two hundred dollars to the undercover Postal Inspector to purchase 16 DVDs of child pornography. Beaulieu was arrested in Belvidere when he accepted the DVDs from another undercover Postal Inspector. After his arrest, a search of his apartment resulted in the discovery and seizure of hundreds of images of child pornography on multiple digital media such as USB drives and zip disks.

In addition to his imprisonment, Beaulieu has been sentenced to 10 years of supervised release following his release from prison.

The case was investigated by the Chicago Office of the United States Postal Inspection Service, assisted by the Boone County Sheriff's Department. The case was prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney Michael D. Love and Mark T. Karner.

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