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MONTANA MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN CHILD PORN PRODUCTION CASE

Baltimore, Maryland – Allen F. Loucks, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland announced that Thomas Evered, age 39, of Lolo, Montana, pleaded guilty today before United States District Judge Catherine C. Blake to sexually exploiting a minor boy for the purpose of producing child pornography.

According to a statement of facts presented to the court, in 2003 a Maryland FBI agent downloaded an image file from the Internet which showed Evered and a minor boy engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Due to the background visible in the photograph, the agent believed that it was produced in the United States. On February 21, 2004 a redacted image was shown on the television program America's Most Wanted, resulting in the identification of Evered as the adult in the image. Evered was arrested in February, 2004, by Missoula County Sheriff's Deputies after he turned himself in at a convenience store in Lolo, Montana.

Evered faces a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison, a minimum of 15 years in prison and a \$250,000.00 fine.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Norman.