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NEWNAN MAN SENTENCED TO A DECADE IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR RECEIVING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Investigation Began Based upon Information from the German National Police

Newnan, GA - HAROLD SPACE, 45, of Newnan, Georgia, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Jack T. Camp on charges that he received child pornography via the Internet.

“This case is an excellent example of how U.S. and foreign law enforcement agencies share information in the international effort to investigate and prosecute individuals like this defendant who use the Internet to collect images of children being sexually exploited,” said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. “Law enforcement agencies around the world have the means to track the distribution of child pornography from its source to its destination. Working with our federal, state, local and international partners, we will continue to aggressively pursue anyone in North Georgia who possesses, sends, or receives child pornography. As this case illustrates, the penalty for doing so can be severe.”

SPACE was sentenced to 10 years in prison to be followed by 3 years of supervised release. SPACE was convicted of these charges on May 13, 2008.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: The investigation started with a referral to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) from the German National Police (GNP) after the GNP arrested a child pornography distributor ring in Germany. Records seized by the GNP during its investigation revealed addresses on the worldwide web to which the distributor sent child porn. The GNP sent that information to ICE agents who then identified one of Internet addresses as being located at SPACE’s home address. After additional investigation was conducted by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Coweta County Sheriff’s Office, a search warrant was obtained for SPACE’s home address and computer. SPACE’s computer was seized, and a forensic examination of the computer led to the discovery of child pornography. Several hundred images were found of prepubescent boys engaging in explicit sexual acts. SPACE has a 1991 conviction in the State of New

York for Attempted Sodomy in the Second Degree. The victims in that case were two boys, ages 12 and 13.

This case was investigated by Special Agents with the United States Secret Service, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and deputies from the Coweta County Sheriff's Office.

Assistant United States Attorney William L. McKinnon, Jr. prosecuted the case.

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