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TUCSON MAN SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS IN PRISON ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

TUCSON, Ariz. - William Ernest Fuller, 31, of Tucson, was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Court Judge Raner C. Collins to 84 months in prison, to be followed by lifetime supervised release, for one count of Attempted Transportation and Shipping of Child Pornography and two counts of Possession of Child Pornography. Fuller must also register as a sex offender.

The evidence presented during the March 2008 trial showed that an undercover investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in August 2005 located an individual who was trading child pornography from an Internet address in Tucson. In September 2005, agents executed a search warrant at Fuller's residence and seized a computer and compact discs (CDs). A forensic review of the computer and CDs revealed over 100 images and movies of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct, including images of children under the age of 12 and images of sadistic and masochistic conduct involving children.

During an FBI interview, Fuller acknowledged that he had used a peer to peer file sharing system to download images of child pornography, some of which he had saved to the CDs. A federal jury returned its unanimous verdict at the end of the trial in March 2008.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, the Department of Justice created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorneys 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 about Project Safe Childhood, visit www.projectsafekidhood.gov/.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the FBI and the Tucson Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Judson T. Mihok, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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