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TUCSON MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

TUCSON, Ariz. - Jason Wright, 36, of Tucson, was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Raner C. Collins to 121 months in prison, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release, for one count of Distribution of Child Pornography and one count of Possession of Child Pornography. Wright must also register as a sex offender.

The evidence presented during the January 2008 trial showed that an undercover investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in January 2003 located an individual who was trading child pornography from an Internet address in Tucson. In February 2003, agents executed a search warrant at Wright's residence and seized a computer and compact discs (CDs). A forensic review of the computer and computers and CDs revealed over 1200 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, Wright acknowledged that he had used an Internet Relay Chat (IRC) file sharing system to download and share images of child pornography. Wright testified on his own behalf at the trial and denied making those statements. A federal jury returned its unanimous verdict at the end of the trial in January 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 combines 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.projectsafefchildhood.gov/.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the FBI and the Pima County Sheriff's Department. The prosecution was handled by the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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