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GREENWOOD RESIDENT SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ROBERT P. HUNTER, 37, Greenwood, Indiana, was sentenced to 160 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to distributing and possessing child pornography. This case was the result of an investigation by the Greenwood Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Buffalo, New York, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Indianapolis, Indiana. This case is part of the PROJECT SAFE CHILDHOOD Initiative and was worked by several members of the Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children task force.

HUNTER distributed images of child pornography to an undercover officer on June 8, 2006, in a chatroom on the internet which was frequented by persons who have a sexual interest in children. At a search warrant served at his house by the Greenwood Police Department on October 26, 2006, HUNTER admitted to having a collection of child pornography on his computer. Hunter's computer contained between 7,000 - 8,000 images of child pornography and child erotica, including the images he had sent to the undercover officer in June.

This case was prosecuted as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, the Project Safe Childhood initiative was created to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States 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, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed lifetime supervised release following HUNTER's release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, HUNTER must receive sex offender counseling and register as a sex offender.

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