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## **SEX OFFENDER SENTENCED UNDER ADAM WALSH CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFETY ACT**

### PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JEFFREY L. WILCOX, 41, formerly of Des Moines, Iowa, was sentenced to 15 months imprisonment late yesterday by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following his guilty plea to failure to register as a sex offender. This case was the result of an investigation by the U.S. Marshal Service and the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department.

WILCOX was required to register as a sex offender based on a conviction for the offense of assault with the intent to commit sexual abuse against a thirteen year-old child in Iowa. WILCOX admitted that he traveled from Iowa to Evansville, Indiana to live with a friend in early March, 2007, and knowingly failed to register as required by the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act. Once in Evansville, WILCOX obtained a job and lived in an apartment located on Igleheart Avenue in Evansville. WILCOX never registered with the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department while in Indiana.

WILCOX is the first person sentenced in the Southern District of Indiana under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act which became effective in July of 2006. The law prohibits sex offenders from traveling in interstate commerce without updating their sex offender registration information in any state where they live, work or attend school.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed 10 years supervised release following WILCOX's release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, WILCOX must continue to properly register as a sex offender in any state where he lives, works, or attends school.

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