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NEW PALESTINE RESIDENT RECEIVES 12 ½ YEARS FOR DISTRIBUTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JAMES STEVEN LINDSEY, 23, New Palestine, Indiana, was sentenced to 151 months imprisonment late yesterday by U.S. District Chief Judge David F. Hamilton following his guilty plea to distributing and possessing child pornography. This case was the result of a investigation by the Hamilton County Metro Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Hamilton County Metro Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force members include Carmel Police Department, Fishers Police Department, and Noblesville Police Department, and these officers are also part of the Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

On March 11, 2008, LINDSEY was arrested by the Hamilton County Metro Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force officers because he had traveled to meet with a 14 year old girl for the purpose of having sex. LINDSEY was discovered because of his actions of locating a profile on the internet of a 14 year old girl in a chatroom and communicating with her with the hopes of engaging in a sex act with her. At the meet location where he was arrested, LINDSEY possessed a camera and condoms. That same day, LINDSEY's residence was searched and various computer media was located containing in excess of 150 videos and images depicting adults perpetrating sex acts upon young children. In some of the images, children were bound. LINDSEY's computer also showed that he had previously distributed images to other individuals using his e-mail account. LINDSEY had obtained most of his child pornography collection using Limewire, a type of software designed for fast and efficient file trading.

This case emerges from Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorney's 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 <http://www.projectsafchildhood.gov>.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who prosecuted the case for the government, Chief Judge Hamilton also imposed lifetime supervised release following LINDSEY's release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, LINDSEY must register as a sex offender, and undergo treatment for sexual disorders, and not possess a computer. LINDSEY was fined in the amount of \$5000.

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