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GEORGIA MAN SENTENCED FOR MASSIVE COLLECTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

ATLANTA, Ga. -- KENNETH EARL LADNER, 71, of Marietta, Georgia, was sentenced in federal court late yesterday to a prison term of 7 years in federal prison for possessing thousands of images of child pornography. LADNER's huge collection of child pornography, amassed over dozens of years, was uncovered when Cobb County police executed a search warrant predicated on reports from his own adult children and grandchildren that he had repeatedly molested them over the past three decades.

"One of the primary reasons Congress criminalized child pornography, and why federal law enforcement takes such offenses so seriously, is that its consumption is all too often a gateway event that leads to the molestation of children," said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. "This case offers tragic proof of that link between consuming child pornography and molesting children. It also shows why the justice system must not fail the children of this country by treating collectors of child pornography leniently."

United States District Court Judge Julie E. Carnes sentenced LADNER to seven years in federal prison, where there is no parole. Upon his release from prison, LADNER will spend the rest of his life on supervised release, with the special condition that he have no contact with persons under the age of 18. LADNER was indicted in December 2004 and pleaded guilty in February 2006.

This case was investigated by Special Agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Robert C.I. McBurney prosecuted the case.

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