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GWINNETT PHARMACIST SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR COLLECTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Atlanta, GA -- WILLIAM CARTER GORMAN, 54, of Lawrenceville, Georgia, was sentenced today to a term of 10 years in federal prison for receiving child pornography. GORMAN was arrested in July 2007 after accepting a package containing eight child pornography movies that he had ordered through the mail. A subsequent search of his home and his family pharmacy revealed a large collection of child pornography in both places.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said, "This case serves as an important reminder that the criminals who collect images of the sexual exploitation of children - 'child pornography' - are not necessarily on the fringes of society. This defendant was a successful pharmacist and a prominent member of the Lawrenceville business community. Yet he also secretly collected images that re-victimize the children depicted with every viewing, while supporting the market that produces them. And as is so often the case, the discovery of his interest in child pornography has led to the discovery of his direct sexual exploitation of children. Now he will appropriately be serving 10 years in federal prison, and will be a registered sex offender upon his release."

United States District Court Judge Timothy C. Batten, Sr., sentenced GORMAN to 10 years in federal prison. Upon his release from prison, GORMAN 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 during that time. GORMAN was indicted in August 2007 and pleaded guilty in January 2008.

GORMAN also faces child molestation charges in Gwinnett County as a result of evidence gathered during the federal investigation. An earlier child exploitation victim spoke out against him at his federal sentencing today.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, the Attorney General launched Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorney's Offices around the country, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local

resources to apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafchildhood.gov.

This case was investigated by inspectors from the United States Postal Inspection Service and detectives from the Gwinnett County Police Department.

Assistant United States Attorney Robert McBurney prosecuted the case.

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