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DELAWARE COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO 38 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

COLUMBUS – Eric Satrum, age 36, of Radnor, was sentenced in United States District Court here to thirty-eight months in federal prison for possessing images and videos of child pornography.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and Keith L. Bennett, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), announced the sentence handed down today by United States District Judge Edmund A. Sargus Jr.

Satrum pleaded guilty on November 3, 2009 to one count of possession of child pornography. According to a statement of facts filed with the plea agreement, an undercover FBI agent in Cleveland patrolling the Internet in November 2008 logged onto a peer-to-peer file sharing site and began a search for pre-teen hardcore pornography.

The agent found a list containing 44 files of apparent child pornography available from a user on the site. The agent downloaded some of the files and determined that they contained sexually explicit images of nude prepubescent females. The agent traced the source of the files to a computer at Satrum's house in Radnor.

Agents obtained a search warrant for Satrum's house and seized a desktop computer which contained 140 images and 55 videos of child pornography.

Satrum's sentence includes an order that he serve under court supervision for eight years. He will also be required to register as a sexual offender in any jurisdiction where he lives, works or is a student and to register with his new jurisdiction within three days if he moves.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. 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/.

Stewart commended the investigation by FBI agents and Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Hunter, who prosecuted the case.