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FAIRBORN MAN SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR IN PRISON FOR FAILING TO REGISTER AS SEX OFFENDER

DAYTON – Victor Jones, 41, of Fairborn, was sentenced in United States District Court here today to one year and one day in prison for failing to register as a sex offender.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio and Interim United States Marshal Cathy Jones announced the sentence handed down today by U.S. District Judge Thomas M. Rose.

According to court documents, Jones was convicted of child solicitation in St. Joseph County, Indiana in May 2006. As a result of the conviction, he was required to register as a sex offender for ten years. Jones moved to Michigan in 2007.

Court records say that on or about March 25, 2009, Jones picked up his daughter at her school after he failed to show up at a custody hearing and came to Fairborn, Ohio. Indiana authorities issued an arrest warrant for Jones for violating conditions of his release and Michigan authorities issued an arrest warrant for Jones for failure to register as a sex offender and for kidnapping. Based on the Indiana warrant, deputy U.S. Marshals arrested Jones at his Fairborn residence on June 25, 2009. Jones was charged federally on July 7, 2009 with traveling in interstate commerce and failing to register as a sex offender.

Jones argued that he did not register as a sex offender in Ohio because he did not want to be found by law enforcement.

Jones pleaded guilty to one count of failing to register as a sex offender on December 30, 2009.

Stewart commended Assistant U.S. Attorney and Dayton Branch Chief Laura Clemmens, who prosecuted the case, and the investigation by the Marshals Service.

SORNA is part of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act in 2006. The law requires anyone convicted of sex crimes under federal law, or anyone convicted in state court and traveling in interstate commerce, to register with law enforcement agencies where they live, work or are a student.

The Adam Walsh Act provides federal criminal penalties for a knowing failure to register or update. The Adam Walsh Act also provides for the use of federal law enforcement resources, including the U.S. Marshals Service, to assist the states in locating and apprehending non-compliant sex offenders.

U.S. Marshals are the nation's primary fugitive hunting organization and capture more federal fugitives each year than all other law enforcement agencies combined. For more information, go to www.usmarshals.gov.

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