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SIDNEY MAN SENTENCED TO 84 MONTHS FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

DAYTON – Carson Trader, age 62, of Sidney, was sentenced in United States District Court here to 84 months in federal prison for possessing more than 12,000 images of child pornography.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and Brian Moskowitz, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), announced the sentence handed down today by United States District Judge Walter H. Rice.

Trader pleaded guilty to one count of possession of child pornography on September 18, 2008. According to a statement of facts filed with the plea agreement, ICE agents went to Trader's residence on March 6, 2007 as part of a follow-up to a child pornography investigation originating in Michigan. The agents asked to search Trader's computer where they found child pornography.

Further examination of the computer at the Miami Valley Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory found that Trader possessed more than 12,000 images of child pornography, including material depicting sadistic and masochistic conduct and other images depicting violence involving minors. Trader had downloaded some images over the Internet and acquired other images by trading with individuals online.

After his release from prison, Trader will be placed under lifetime court supervision. 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. Trader was ordered by the Court to obtain sex offender treatment while incarcerated and during his supervised release from prison. He must also perform 100 hours of community service and was ordered to have no contact with minor children.

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 ICE agents and Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Clemmens, who prosecuted the case.

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