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## **BARABOO MAN SENTENCED TO EIGHT YEARS FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that James Anderson, 47, of Baraboo, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to eight years in federal prison, followed by twenty years of supervised release, for possessing child pornography. Anderson pleaded guilty to the offense on January 7, 2010.

Law enforcement agents were alerted to Anderson after it was discovered that Anderson was communicating and trading child pornography images with an individual in Mississippi, who was producing child pornography.

On July 8, 2009, law enforcement agents executed a search warrant at Anderson's home in Baraboo, and also seized computers and computer-related equipment from Anderson's workplace. Subsequent analysis of those items revealed a large collection of images and videos depicting children engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

Anderson received an enhancement under the federal sentencing guidelines because he had sadistic images. Some of the images and videos feature intercourse between adults and children as young as one-year-old. The children depicted were, in some cases, bound with ropes or tape, or were blindfolded.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), 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 to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

The charges against Anderson were the result of an investigation conducted by

the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith Duchemin.

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