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VIROQUA MAN RECEIVES SEVEN YEAR SENTENCE FOR DISTRIBUTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Richard K. Williams, 64, Viroqua, Wis., was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to seven years in prison for distributing child pornography.

The court also imposed a 20-year term of supervised release to begin after Williams serves his prison term. Last, the Court imposed a \$10,000 fine and ordered the forfeiture of Williams' interest in the computer equipment he used to facilitate his crime.

This conviction followed an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.

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.projectsafchildhood.gov.

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