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**SEX OFFENDER SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF  
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND FOR VIOLATION OF THE ADAM WALSH ACT**

*MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA* – Charles Thomas Gaddy, 50, of Lee County, was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison for possession of child pornography and failure to register as a sex offender under the Adam Walsh Act by Senior United States District Judge W. Harold Albritton, U.S. Attorney Leura G. Canary announced today. Gaddy was also sentenced to a lifetime of supervised release upon his release from prison. Gaddy was convicted in Russell County, Alabama, in January 2002 for sex offense charges related to the possession of obscene materials and child pornography.

On May 17, 2007, members of the Opelika Police Department received information from a manager at a local hotel where Gaddy worked that the manager had discovered child pornography on the hotel's computer which had been downloaded while Gaddy was the only person working. The Opelika Police Department, with assistance from the Lee County Sheriff's Office, executed a search warrant at Gaddy's residence and located a large quantity of child pornography. Authorities also searched a rental unit, rented by Gaddy, and uncovered additional child pornography, as well as girls' swimsuits and underwear. Gaddy was indicted on federal charges for possession of child pornography in April 2007. The United States Marshals Service and members of the Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force, assisted by the Opelika Police Department, arrested Gaddy who was living with family in Columbus, Georgia. At the time of

his arrest Gaddy was registered as a sex offender in Russell County, Alabama, but had not alerted Russell County or Georgia authorities of his change of residence. At the time of his arrest, Gaddy was found living within 100 yards of a Georgia middle school.

On March 24, 2008, Gaddy pleaded guilty to possession of child pornography and failure to register as a sex offender.

This marks the first sentence in the Middle District of Alabama for violations of the Adam Walsh Act. U. S. Attorney Leura G. Canary stated, “Child exploitation crimes are a growing epidemic infecting our nation. Our office will systemically prosecute offenders guilty of federal sexual exploitation crimes against children. When those offenders fail to register as sex offenders, as required by law, they are committing a separate federal crime punishable by up to 10 years in prison. As we lock up offenders who threaten or harm our children, we are making our communities safer.”

U.S. Marshal Jesse Seroyer, Jr., stated, “The United States Marshals Service will continue to work with state and local law enforcement agencies to make sure that all convicted sex offenders are following registration and notification requirements as required by law.”

In July of 2006, Congress passed the Adam Walsh Act which made the United States Marshals Service the lead agency responsible for investigating sex offender registration and other related offenses which violate the Adam Walsh Act.

The case was investigated by the Opelika Police Department, the Lee County Sheriff’s Office, and the United States Marshals Service. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney, Susan R. Redmond.