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FORMER SACRAMENTO MAN CONVICTED IN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CASE

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott, announced today that TRAVIS DEAN POTTER, 51, of Sacramento, California, pled guilty today before United States District Judge Edward J. Garcia to knowingly receiving child pornography by mail, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(2), and knowingly possessing images of child pornography that had been shipped or transported in interstate commerce by computer, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(5)(B).

This case was the product of an investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service. POTTER became a focus of investigation after he expressed an interest in ordering child pornography videotapes during an undercover sting operation in 2005. POTTER eventually purchased a videotape containing child pornography and took delivery of the videotape through the mail. Afterward, the Postal Inspection Service served a search warrant of his residence, at which time POTTER refused to open the door to the residence. Officers had to resort to using a ram to gain entry; upon entry, an officer observed Potter destroying a videotape containing child pornography.

The investigation revealed that POTTER was in fact downloading child pornography through a computer file sharing program at the time that the officers were attempting entry into the apartment. Potter admitted that he had five video clips containing child pornography already saved on his personal laptop computer, which were subsequently retrieved during the search of the computer.

Judgment and sentencing before Judge Garcia is scheduled for October 19, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. POTTER faces a maximum 40 years incarceration and/or \$500,000 in fines based upon his convictions. He may also be subject to three years supervised release after completion of his sentence of imprisonment. However, the actual sentence will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables, and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

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