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**KETTERING MAN SENTENCED TO SERVE 121 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR
TRANSMITTING IMAGES OF CHILD EXPLOITATION OVER THE INTERNET**

DAYTON – Donald Witt, age 52, of Kettering, Ohio was sentenced in United States District Court here today to 121 months of imprisonment, followed by ten years of supervised release for transmitting images of child exploitation over the Internet. Witt’s sentence also includes requiring him to register as a sexual offender upon his release.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio and Brian Moskowitz, Special Agent in Charge, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, announced the sentence handed down today by Senior United States District Judge Walter H. Rice.

Witt pled guilty on July 6, 2006 to one count of transportation of materials involving the sexual exploitation of a minor. According to a statement of facts filed with the plea agreement, Witt owned a computer and a webcam in March 2004 and would visit Internet chat rooms using the screen name “curiousdaytonman”. Witt would chat with others about sexually explicit activities involving children and view images of child pornography. During these Internet conversations, Witt tried to convince others to show children to him over their webcams.

In March 2004, one of Witt’s family members was providing child care services from their home. Witt held one of the children, then between three and six months old, up in front of his “webcam,” which was connected to the Internet and actively broadcasting, and took off the infant’s diaper. Witt then masturbated while broadcasting it over the “webcam” to other unknown individuals watching on their computers.

ICE agents began investigating Witt following an interview with a Texas man in federal prison for possession of child pornography. Agents arrested Witt at his home on May 4, 2006.

“Who is more vulnerable of a victim than an infant?” Lockhart asked. “We must continue every effort toward providing a safe childhood for every child from infancy through adolescence.”

Judge Rice ordered that Witt serve his sentence in a federal Bureau of Prisons facility that provides treatment for sexual offenders.

“Confinement and treatment in a Bureau of Prisons facility is the best guarantee of community safety,” Lockhart said.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales announced 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/.

Lockhart commended ICE agents for their investigation of the case, along with Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Clemmens, who prosecuted the case.

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