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SIDNEY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

DAYTON – Carson Trader, age 61, of Sidney, pleaded guilty in United States District Court here to one count of possession of child pornography.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and Brian Moskowitz, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), announced the plea entered yesterday before United States District Judge Walter H. Rice.

According to a statement of facts filed with the plea agreement, ICE agents went to Trader's residence on March 6, 2007 as part of a follow-up to a child pornography investigation originating in Michigan. The agents asked to search Trader's computer where they found child pornography.

Further examination of the computer at the Miami Valley Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory found that Trader possessed more than 12,000 images of child pornography, including material depicting sadistic and masochistic conduct and other images depicting violence involving minors. Trader had downloaded the images over the Internet.

Trader faces a maximum sentence of ten years imprisonment, along with at least five years and up to lifetime supervised release. He will also be required to register as a sexual offender. Judge Rice set Trader's sentencing for December 12, 2008.

This case was brought as part of 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 the investigation by ICE agents and Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Clemmens, who prosecuted the case.

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