



NEWS RELEASE

Office of the United States Attorney
Eastern District of Texas

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: July 16, 2004

Contact: Davilyn Brackin

Public Affairs Specialist

(409) 839-2538

BEAUMONT MAN SENTENCED FOR CHILD PORN

(Beaumont, Texas) A 35-year-old man has been sentenced to 51 months in federal prison today for possession of child pornography. **CRAIG BUNDRANT**, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Marcia Crone.

Bundrant was charged by a federal grand jury last August of receiving and possessing child pornography via the Internet on his home computer. According to information prosecutors presented in court, Bundrant came under suspicion when he attempted to have film developed at Beaumont's Super Wal-Mart, which contained photos of child pornography. An investigation revealed that Bundrant had downloaded thousands of images of female children under the age of 18 engaged in various sex acts onto his home computer.

Matthew D. Orwig, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, encouraged citizens to remain vigilant in the fight against child pornography, "The Wal-Mart staff are to be commended for being observant and alerting authorities immediately. Protecting children from sexual predators is everyone's duty."

--more--

Bundrant Sentencing
July 16, 2004
Page 2

Judge Crone also ordered Bundrant to pay a \$1,000 fine and to have his federal prison sentence run consecutively with state sentences from Jefferson and Galveston counties.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Beaumont Police Department, and Galveston County authorities. Assistant U.S. Attorney Michelle Englade prosecuted the case.

###