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ANDREWS MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that in Midland, 40-year-old John Eric Gilliam of Andrews, Texas, was sentenced to 92 months in federal prison for possession and receipt of child pornography.

Last November, a federal jury found Gilliam guilty of both charges. Investigators with the Cybercrimes Unit of the Texas Attorney General's Office commenced an investigation of Gilliam as a consequence of a tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children concerning his online activities. In September 2006, Gilliam's computer was seized in Andrews. A subsequent forensic examination of the computer led to the recovery of more than 200 sexually explicit images of prepubescent children that had been downloaded from the Internet. A police officer from Idaho testified at trial that some of the images in Gilliam's collection depicted a small girl who had been molested in that state by one of her relatives several years ago, the investigation of which the officer had personally handled.

Gilliam appeared for sentencing before United States District Judge Robert Junell on Friday afternoon, where in addition to the prison term, Judge Junell ordered that Gilliam be placed under supervise release for a period of ten years after completing his prison term.

Assistant United States Attorney Katy Risinger prosecuted on behalf of the Government.

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