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Defendant Pleads Guilty to Possession of Child Pornography

(Richmond, Virginia) – Oshman Mohammed Ansari, a resident of Richmond, pled guilty yesterday to possession of child pornography in violation of federal law. Possession of child pornography carries a maximum penalty of up to 10 years in jail, a \$250,000 fine, and a term of supervised release of any term years up to life. The case is set for sentencing before United States District Judge Henry E. Hudson on July 13, 2007. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia announces the plea.

In support of his plea, Ansari acknowledged that on August 4, 2005, he knowingly possessed 233 images of child pornography on two computers seized from Ansari's home pursuant to a search warrant executed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Some of the children depicted in the images of child pornography were under twelve-years-old.

Ansari came to the attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on March 9, 2005. An undercover agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation determined that an individual using a computer at Ansari's home was sharing child pornography images over the Internet via the KaZaa peer-to-peer file sharing network. This evidence led to the federal search warrant. During the execution of that search warrant, Ansari, who was home at the time, gave a confession to investigators.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation investigated this case. The case is being prosecuted by Matthew D. Nelson, Special Assistant United States Attorney, and Brian R. Hood, Assistant United States Attorney.

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