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COEUR D'ALENE MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Cyle Anthony Wyckoff, 35, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, was sentenced in federal court today to 84 months in prison for possession of sexually explicit images of minors, U.S. Attorney Wendy J. Olson announced. U.S. District Judge Edward J. Lodge ordered Wyckoff to serve ten years of supervised release following his prison term and pay \$3,000 in restitution to one of the victims. Wyckoff pleaded guilty to the charge in December 2010.

According to the plea agreement, in November 2008, a detective with the Coeur d'Alene Police Department developed information that a computer registered to Wyckoff contained child pornography on an Internet based file sharing network. The detective connected to the file sharing network and observed that Wyckoff's computer was making child pornography files available to others. The detective obtained a copy of the files and confirmed the images were child pornography.

On July 1, 2009, members of the North Idaho Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force served a search warrant at Wyckoff's Coeur d'Alene residence. Agents seized computer equipment, CDs and DVDs. Wyckoff, who was present during the search, admitted when questioned by agents that he downloaded child pornography. He told agents that he deleted much of the child pornography he had downloaded, but admitted that some would be found on his computer. The computer, CDs and DVDs were examined by a forensic examiner with the Intermountain West Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory. The examiner found forty-nine still-images and sixty-five video files depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. This included several videos of minors who were being sexually abused by adult men.

The images and videos recovered from Wyckoff's computer and discs were sent to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) to be analyzed by the Child Victim Identification Program (CVIP). The CVIP database contains thousands of digital images of known victims of sexual exploitation that have been seized from criminal defendants and collected from the Internet. The CVIP database confirmed that images contained on Wyckoff's computer and discs were identified minors, including children from Connecticut, Utah, Washington state, Kentucky, Belgium, Germany, England, and Russia.

“Crimes against children taint our communities and do harm that reverberates, at times, for generations,” said Olson. “In Idaho, federal, state and local law enforcement officers work together in cases such as this one to ensure that those who traffic in these images are caught and punished.”

The case was investigated by the North Idaho Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. The task force is comprised of local and federal law enforcement agents from the Coeur d'Alene Police Department, the Shoshone County Sheriff's Office, the Post Falls Police Department, the Moscow Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the United States Secret Service, the U.S. Postal Service, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafchildhood.gov.

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