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WASHINGTON, D.C., RESIDENT SENTENCED TO 80 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Defendant Collected More Than 8,800 Images and 250 Videos of Child Pornography

WASHINGTON – Anthony Moreno, 25, of Washington, D.C., was sentenced today to 80 months in prison for one count of possession of child pornography, announced Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer of the Criminal Division; U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia Ronald C. Machen Jr.; James W. McJunkin, Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's Washington Field Office; Cathy L. Lanier, Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD); and Brigadier General Kevin J. Jacobsen, Commander for Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

Moreno pleaded guilty to the charge in May 2011 in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. He was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Beryl A. Howell. In addition to his prison term, Moreno was sentenced to 10 years of supervised release.

According to information presented during the plea hearing, on Sept. 18, 2010, a law enforcement agent, utilizing a publicly available peer-to-peer Internet file sharing program, observed that Moreno had approximately 299 images of child pornography in his shared-file folders on the network.

On Nov. 26, 2010, law enforcement agents executed a warrant to search Moreno's computer equipment located at his residence at the Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. After law enforcement confirmed that Moreno possessed child pornography, Moreno was arrested. Forensic analysis of Moreno's computer equipment confirmed that he had collected more than 8,800 images and 250 videos of child pornography.

This case was brought as part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood initiative. Project Safe Childhood is 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.projectsafefchildhood.gov.

This case was prosecuted by Trial Attorney Darcy Katzin of the Criminal Division's CEOS and Assistant U.S. Attorney David B. Kent of the District of Columbia. The case was investigated by the FBI's Child Exploitation Task Force, which includes members of the FBI's Washington Field Office and MPD. The Air Force Office of Special Investigations and CEOS's High Technology Investigative Unit also assisted in the investigation.

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