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**Riverton, Illinois, Man Sentenced to 216 Months in Prison for
Production and Possession of Child Pornography**

WASHINGTON – A Riverton, Ill., man was sentenced yesterday to 216 months in prison and lifetime supervised release for production and possession of child pornography, announced Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer of the Justice Department's Criminal Division and U.S. Attorney James A. Lewis for the Central District of Illinois.

Jeffrey Price, 47, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Sue E. Myerscough in Springfield, Ill. Price was convicted on Nov. 4, 2011, of one count of production and one count of possession of child pornography, following a four-day jury trial.

According to evidence presented at trial, on several occasions between October 2002 and October 2004, Price produced sexually explicit photographs of an eleven-year-old girl. Trial evidence also showed that Price possessed more than 900 images and 20 movies that depict children engaged in sexually explicit activity.

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.projectsafechildhood.gov.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Gregory R. Walters and Elly Peirson of the Central District of Illinois and Assistant Deputy Chief Alexandra Gelber with the Criminal Division's CEOS. The charges were investigated by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations and the Springfield Police Department with assistance provided by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and the Sangamon County Child Advocacy Center.

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