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**GERMANTOWN MAN SENTENCED FOR RECEIVING, TRANSPORTING AND
POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Preferred Viewing Pornographic Images of Infants and Toddlers

Greenbelt, Maryland - U.S. District Judge Roger W. Titus sentenced Christopher Andrew Myers, age 36, of Germantown, Maryland, today to five years in prison, followed by five years of supervised release, for receiving, transporting and possessing child pornography. Judge Titus ordered that upon his release from prison, Myers must register as a sex offender in the place where he resides, where he is an employee, and where he is a student, under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA).

The sentence was announced by United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein; Special Agent in Charge Stephen E. Vogt of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; Chief J. Thomas Manger of the Montgomery County Police Department; Montgomery County State's Attorney John McCarthy; and Special Agent in Charge Robert Craig of the Defense Criminal Investigative Service - Mid-Atlantic Field Office.

According to evidence presented at the five day trial, in 2006, Myers bought membership to a website which allowed him 30 days of access to over 10,000 images and videos of child pornography. There were 1,384 image files identical to images from the website on his laptop seized in 2010. On August 20, 2010, Myers made available over 3,100 files to share, many confirmed as being child pornography. An undercover officer downloaded three images of child pornography.

After executing a search warrant at Myers' residence, Myers provided his laptop, which contained a child pornography collection organized into folders. Myers had 674 unique images and videos of child pornography, with his preference being infants and toddlers.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who sexually exploit children, and to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.usdoj.gov/psc For more information about internet safety education, please visit www.usdoj.gov/psc and click on the "resources" tab on the left of the page.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein commended the FBI, Montgomery County Police Department; Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office and DCIS for their work in the investigation. Mr. Rosenstein thanked Special Assistant U.S. Attorney LisaMarie Freitas, assigned from the Department of Justice Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Kristi N. O'Malley, who prosecuted the case.