Salem man gets prison for child porn

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Defendant Sentenced to 210 Months in Federal Prison After Guilty Plea to Advertising Child Pornography; Computer Holds Over 4,000 Images of Child Pornography

PORTLAND, Ore. - Christopher Mark Mills, age 37, of Salem, Oregon was sentenced this morning to 210 months imprisonment following his guilty plea to one count of Advertising Child Pornography. Chief United States District Court Judge Ancer Haggerty imposed the sentence and ordered that Mills serve a term of 5 years on supervised release following the completion of his prison term.

In August, 2006, FBI agents in Montana and ICE agents in Portland discovered Mills was advertising child pornography on the internet. ICE Agents obtained a search warrant and served the warrant at Mills' residence on Capitol Street in Salem on October 2, 2006. Agents seized 4,822 images and 67 video files of child pornography. In his guilty plea, Mills admitted that he advertised and distributed child pornography on the internet by using a file server. Interested persons were able to log on to Mills' server and exchange pornography via the internet.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Haub.