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### **WOODY CREEK RESIDENT SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

DENVER – Bill Leone, United States Attorney for the District of Colorado, and Jeffrey Copp, Special Agent in Charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Denver Office, announced that **WILLARD WILLIAM MCDONOUGH**, age 68, of Woody Creek, Colorado (near Aspen), was sentenced today by U.S. District Court Judge Phillip S. Figa to serve 42 months in federal prison for possession of child pornography. He was also ordered to pay a \$25,000 fine. **MCDONOUGH** had previously agreed to forfeit his computer and hard drive.

The defendant is free on bond, and was ordered to report to a facility designated by the Bureau of Prisons on or before March 27, 2006. **MCDONOUGH** was charged by Criminal Information on October 12, 2005. He pled guilty to the Information as charged on November 30, 2005.

According to the stipulated facts outlined in the plea agreement, on December 24, 2004, an Illinois police officer was online in an undercover capacity, posing as a thirteen year old girl named Jenny. The defendant contacted Jenny, and over the ensuing weeks and months, engaged in chats that were of a sexually explicit nature, with the defendant stating he was interested in traveling to Illinois to have sex with Jenny. The defendant discussed his desire to take graphic pictures when they met to have sex.

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On January 1, 2005, the defendant sent “Jenny” images of child pornography. The image was of an identified child victim from a series of child pornographic images kept on file at the National Child Victim Identification Program (NCVIP) located at the ICE Cyber Crimes Center in Fairfax, VA.

On February 1, 2005, the defendant again sent images to “Jenny.” Each time the defendant sent images to Jenny, he cautioned her not to save the images, and to make sure she deleted all evidence of the chats between the two of them.

The defendant continued chatting with “Jenny” and then met “Jenny”’s friends online, “Missy,” and “Brit,” who were also undercover police officers posing as 13 year old girls. The conversations were also sexually explicit. On March 3, 2005, the defendant was chatting with “Missy” and sent her images via the internet, some of which were child pornographic in nature.

The defendant later planned to send web cameras to the “girls” so they could engage in sexually explicit conduct while he watched from his computer in Colorado. The defendant sent two web cameras via the United States mail on or about March 14, 2005; one addressed to Jenny and the other to Missy; which were received by law enforcement in Illinois.

On March 29, 2005, ICE Special Agents and other law enforcement personnel executed federal search warrant on the residence where the defendant lived. Forensic analysis of the computer seized revealed images of child pornography.

“Sharing child pornography over the Internet can be easy,” said Jeffrey Copp, special agent-in-charge of the ICE office in Denver. “But under ICE’s Operation Predator program, criminal child pornographers never know if the person they’re talking with is a law enforcement officer. Today’s sentence may help deter potential child pornographers from this destructive and illegal behavior.”

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This case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Valeria Spencer.

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