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COLUMBIA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF CHILD PORN

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Columbia, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to possession of child pornography.

Larry Dale Baldwin, 52, of Columbia, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Jefferson City on Feb. 7, 2003.

By pleading guilty, **Baldwin** admitted that on March 13, 2002, he was in possession of computer files and computer disks that contained visual depictions of persons under the age of 18 engaging in sexually explicit conduct. **Baldwin** also pleaded guilty to a forfeiture count of the federal indictment, which requires him to forfeit to the United States any property used to commit the offense, including computer hardware and software.

As a result of his guilty plea, **Baldwin** may be subject to a sentence of up to five years in federal prison without parole, plus a \$250,000 fine. His sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence E. Miller. The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Columbia, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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