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HOLLISTER, MO., MAN SENTENCED FOR VIOLATING SUPERVISED RELEASE

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Hollister, Mo., man was sentenced today for violating the terms of his supervised release on a federal child pornography charge.

John Christopher Cline, 37, of Hollister, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to two years in prison without parole. According to Graves, that sentence is the maximum penalty provided under federal law.

Cline was originally sentenced on May 8, 1998, to one year and nine months in prison for attempting to obtain child pornography on a computer. On December 22, 1999, he began a three-year term of supervised release, which was scheduled to end on December 21, 2002.

In today's motion for revocation of supervised release, Graves reported to the court that **Cline** was arrested on burglary charges in Taney County, Mo., on November 9, 2002. An employee of the College of the Ozarks caught **Cline** in a computer room on campus just after midnight, Graves said. The Taney County Sheriff's Department arrested **Cline** for entering the premises without authorization to steal Internet services.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rose A. Barber.

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