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MONETT, MO., MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

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

Gregory Parker Kimball, 39, of Monett, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Court Judge Richard E. Dorr this afternoon.

By pleading guilty, **Kimball** admitted that on April 28, 2003, he was in possession of computer hard drives, computer disks, and printed images which contained three or more images of child pornography. **Kimball** obtained and downloaded images of child pornography from the Internet, Graves said. He also admitted that he printed some of those images on paper.

Kimball also pleaded guilty to a forfeiture count of his original indictment, which requires him to forfeit to the United States any of the images alleged in Count One, as well as any property used to commit the offense. This property includes a CompUSA computer and components, 18 compact disks recovered in the search of his residence and maintained as evidence of child pornography, and 37 printed color images recovered in the search of his residence and maintained as evidence of child pornography.

Kimball was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Oct. 16, 2003, in Springfield, Mo.

Under federal law, Graves explained, Kimball may be subject to a maximum sentence of up to five years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. His sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rose A. Barber. It was investigated by the Billings, Mo., Police Department, the Haysville, Kan., Police Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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