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## **FULTON MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO OBSCENITY, CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

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

**Jack Wayne Rogers**, 58, of Fulton, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to all counts of an 11-count superseding indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Jefferson City on June 20, 2003.

Graves explained that the superseding indictment includes two counts of possession of child pornography, five counts of distribution of child pornography, and three counts of distribution of obscene materials. The superseding indictment also contains a federal forfeiture count.

On March 18, 2003, federal law enforcement officers executed a search warrant at **Rogers'** home, Graves said. Two computers – an eMachine and a Hewlett-Packard Pavilion Notebook computer – were seized from the home and examined by the State Technical Assistance Team.

By pleading guilty to Count One of the federal indictment, **Rogers** admitted that the computers contained numerous images depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct that were obtained via the Internet.

On April 9, 2003, state law enforcement officers executed a search warrant at **Rogers'** business at Deck & Decker in Columbia, Mo. Two computers were seized from the business and examined by the State Technical Assistance Team.

By pleading guilty to Count Two of the federal indictment, **Rogers** admitted that one of

those computers contained four videos depicting sexually explicit conduct by minor males. In addition, investigators found a CD which also had images of minor males engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

By pleading guilty to Counts Three through Seven of the federal indictment, **Rogers** admitted that one of the computers seized from his home contained numerous e-mails in which photographs of male children engaged in sexually explicit conduct were attached and sent to various individuals in St. Louis, Mo., Michigan, Colorado, and New York on five separate occasions from Aug. 31, 2001 to May 20, 2002.

By pleading guilty to Counts Eight through Ten of the federal indictment, **Rogers** admitted that he e-mailed obscene, lewd, lascivious pictures and matters of indecent character on three separate occasions from Nov. 24 to Dec. 8, 2002. Those photos depicted male genitalia that had been removed and placed on a dinner plate alongside a knife and fork, which were e-mailed to an individual in Colorado on two occasions. **Rogers** also admitted that he e-mailed those photos as well as a photograph of an adult male after his genitalia had been removed to a person in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 26, 2002.

**Rogers** also agreed to forfeit to the United States the images and the property used to commit the offenses, including the eMachine computer and the Hewlett-Packard Pavilion Notebook computer.

**Rogers'** sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a pre-sentencing investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence E. Miller. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Fulton, Mo., Police Department, the Missouri State Technical Assistance Team and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

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