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Arlington Man Sentenced to 70 Months for Receiving Child Pornography

(**Alexandria, Va**) - Shawn M. Mahoney, age 37, of Arlington, Va., was sentenced today to 70 months in prison. Mahoney pled guilty on Feb. 13, 2009, to receipt of child pornography. Upon his release from incarceration, Mahoney will remain under court supervision for 15 years. Mahoney also will be required to register as a sex offender in any jurisdiction in which he lives, works, or goes to school.

Dana J. Boente, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and James Dinkins, Special Agent in Charge for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)'s Office of Investigations in Washington, D.C., made the announcement after sentencing by United States District Judge Claude M. Hilton.

According to court documents, Mahoney engaged in several chats on Google Hello (a peer-to-peer chat and file-sharing program) with an undercover officer working ICE. During those chats, Mahoney sent images containing child pornography to the ICE undercover agent. Searches of the defendant's house and laptop computer revealed that Mahoney received thousands of images of child pornography during dozens of chat sessions with other users of Google Hello.

This case was investigated by ICE and the Arlington Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney John Eisinger and Special Assistant United States Attorney Andrew McCormack, who is on detail from the Department of Justice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, prosecuted the case on behalf of the United States.

A copy of this press release may be found on the website of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia at <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/vae>. Related court documents and information may be found on the website of the District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia at <http://www.vaed.uscourts.gov> or on <http://pacer.uspci.uscourts.gov>.

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