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Fulton Man Sentenced to 50 Years in Prison for Receipt and Possession of Child Pornography

Gary Goodale Took Sexually Explicit Photographs of 2 Minors After Prior Conviction for Sodomy of a Minor

SYRACUSE, NEW YORK – Gary Goodale, age 41, of Fulton, New York, was sentenced today to serve 50 years in federal prison for receipt and possession of child pornography, announced United States Attorney Carla B. Freedman and Matthew Scarpino, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Buffalo Field Office of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

As part of his previous guilty plea, Goodale admitted that he used his personal computer to receive images of child pornography over the internet, and that he possessed child pornography on three electronic devices. A forensic review of Goodale’s cellular telephone and two portable electronic storage devices revealed that all three contained numerous image files depicting child pornography. Goodale also admitted that the images he possessed include sexually explicit photographs of two minors that he produced himself.

Goodale was previously convicted on December 8, 1999, in Oswego County Court for Sodomy in the First Degree in violation of New York Penal Law, Section 130.50(3), which makes it unlawful to engage in deviate sexual intercourse with another person who is less than eleven years old, and was sentenced at that time to 8 years imprisonment.

Senior United States District Judge Thomas J. McAvoy also imposed a lifetime term of supervised release, which will start after Goodale is released from prison, and ordered Goodale to pay a \$400 special assessment. Goodale will also be required to register as a sex offender.

Goodale’s case was investigated by Homeland Security Investigations, Syracuse Office with assistance from the New York State Police Troop D Computer Crimes Unit, the Oswego County District Attorney’s Office and the Fulton Police Department, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Geoffrey J. L. Brown as a part of Project Safe Childhood.

Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov

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