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ALEXANDRIA MAN SENTENCED TO 87 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR RECEIVING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

ALEXANDRIA, Va. –Patrick Buckley, 64, of Alexandria, Va., was sentenced today to 87 months in prison and 15 years of supervised release for receiving child pornography.

Neil H. MacBride, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia and John P. Torres, Special Agent in Charge for ICE's, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) in Washington, D.C., made the announcement after sentencing by United States District Judge Claude M. Hilton.

Buckley pled guilty on October 3, 2012. Buckley came to the attention of law enforcement after recovering chat logs between him and another man in England discussing their desires to sexually abuse children. The man in England was producing child pornography with his minor son and sending the images to Buckley. Law enforcement also recovered images and videos Buckley posted on two separate "nudist" websites depicting prepubescent children being sexually abused by adults. When agents executed a search warrant on Buckley's residence, he admitted to receiving child pornography through his Yahoo account and to being on the nudist websites. Forensic analysis of his computer and a thumb drive uncovered additional images of child pornography.

Court records indicate that Buckley has seven prior convictions involving sexual misconduct, including solicitation to commit oral sodomy in 1985, indecent exposure in 1988, 1993, and 1995, crimes against nature in 2002, disorderly conduct/obscene acts in 2000 and public lewdness in 2010.

The investigation was conducted by ICE HSI, Interpol, FBI, with assistance from the Northern Virginia/District of Columbia Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. Special Assistant United States Attorney Maureen Cain prosecuted the case on behalf of the United States.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's

Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), 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 to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafefchildhood.gov.

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.justice.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 <https://pcl.uscourts.gov>.

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