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West Sacramento Man Convicted For Possessing Child Pornography Movies (Woodland, CA) – May 18, 2010- District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced today that a Yolo County jury convicted 45 year old West Sacramento man Phil Douglas Reese of possessing child pornography and failing to register as a sex offender.

On August 29, 2008, the West Sacramento Police Department's Community Response Team (CRT) arrested Reese near West Capitol Avenue. When he was arrested, Reese had a laptop computer with him in his truck that was turned on. The CRT observed numerous child pornographic movies on Reese's laptop computer. Later, Lieutenant Peter Martin of the Yolo County District Attorney's Child Sexual Predator Unit examined the laptop computer and discovered more than twenty child pornography movies on the hard drive.

As part of the child pornography investigation, the West Sacramento Police Department also determined Reese was residing in Riverside County without notifying the West Sacramento Police Department of his change in residence. This was in violation of his requirement to register as a sex offender. Since 2003, Reese has been required to register as a sex offender for an internet crime conviction involving a minor from Stanislaus County in 2003. In the prior child sex case, the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department arrested Reese for communicating through the internet with a "thirteen year-old girl" for the purpose of meeting with the girl to have sexual intercourse. The "thirteen year-old girl" was actually an undercover officer.

"This is a difficult case for any jury to sit through because of the graphic images they were required to view, but this jury did so and I commend them for doing such an excellent job," said Deputy District Attorney Tiffany Susz, who prosecuted the case.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig commended the efforts of the West Sacramento Police Department and CRT, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department, and the Child Sexual Predator Unit. "We are fortunate to have a law enforcement team that is so dedicated to putting child predators in prison where they belong," said Reisig.

Reese faces a maximum sentence of 3 years 8 months in state prison. The Honorable Timothy L. Fall will sentence Reese on June 18, 2010.