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Woodland Man Sentenced to Prison for Possession of Child Pornography

(Woodland, CA) Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced today that on April 1, 2009, Yolo County Superior Court Judge Arvid Johnson sentenced 46 year old Robert Sutton of Woodland to 16 months in state prison for possession of child pornography.

In October, 2008, Sutton's live-in girlfriend was in his closet when she saw a black file cabinet with compact discs each with the word "PICTURES" written on them. She put one of the discs in Sutton's computer and saw a picture of a two year old naked girl with a man trying to complete sex acts with her. She immediately contacted the police. Woodland Police Department detectives conducted a search of Sutton's home and seized Sutton's computer equipment. Numerous CDs were analyzed by a District Attorney investigator specializing in computer forensic exams. This analysis revealed thousands of child pornography images including images and videos of men performing sex acts on girls estimated to be between five and eight years of age.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig complimented the diligent efforts of Woodland Police Department detectives and District Attorney Chief Investigator Pete Martin who conducted the forensic analysis. Reisig stated, "This man will go to prison where he belongs. My heart goes out to the many, many children who were victimized at the time they were being photographed and filmed and then re-victimized thousands of times every day as these sick individuals shared their images over the internet."

Assistant Chief Deputy District Attorney Jonathan Raven prosecuted the case. He said, "Looking at these pictures and videos makes one sick to the stomach. Our experience shows that the criminal who today trades and views child porn will likely be the child molester of tomorrow."

Sutton pled guilty to felony possession of child pornography. As part of his sentence, he is required to register for the rest of his life as a sexual offender.