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CHILD PORNOGRAPHER SENTENCED TO TEN (10) YEARS

FORSYTH, MO – Taney County Prosecuting Attorney, Jeffrey M. Merrell announced today that TIMOTHY A. KRAUSMAN, dob: 07/21/1968 of Branson, Missouri plead guilty Wednesday to the class B felony of promoting child pornography in the first degree and the class D felony of possession of child pornography. TIMOTHY A. KRAUSMAN was sentenced by the Taney County Circuit Judge Mark Orr to ten (10) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for the offense of promoting child pornography and four (4) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for the offense of possession of child pornography.

On March 4th, 2008, the Taney County Sheriff's Department received a Cyber Tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) that an individual in Branson was using an America Online account to send child pornography over the Internet. Detectives from the Taney County Sheriff's Department and the Branson Police Department executed a search warrant at a residence in Branson where they recovered a computer from TIMOTHY KRAUSMAN. During a forensic search of the seized computer, identified child pornography was discovered.

In response to this plea, Taney County Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey M. Merrell was satisfied stating, "I am grateful for the expertise of our law enforcement in computer forensics as we have been able to remove another child pornographer from our community." Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Christopher W. Lebeck went further stating, "As a community we must do everything we can to prevent the spread of child pornography as it is unlike other forms of child abuse in that it creates a permanent record of sexual abuse that can potentially be accessed and viewed by anybody with an Internet connection."

TIMOTHY A. KRAUSMAN was denied probation in connection with this plea and both counts are to run concurrent in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

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