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L.A. CITY ATTORNEY ROCKY DELGADILLO SECURES CONVICTION OF VALLEY MAN FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

LOS ANGELES – Los Angeles City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo today announced his office has secured the conviction of a North Hills man found to have collected several images of child pornography on his home computer.

Warren Johnson, 45, pleaded no contest to one count of possession of child pornography on his home computer. Judge Mary Lou Villar sentenced Johnson to three years of probation and 45 days of Caltrans work to be completed within one year. Johnson is also required to register as a sex offender and comply with all orders issued by the Family Law Dependency Court which had previously ordered the removal of his four year-old daughter from his home.

The investigation began in June 2006 when Johnson left his computer for repairs at a Fry's Electronics store in Woodland Hills. A Fry's repair technician discovered images of minors engaged in sexual activity and contacted the Los Angeles Police Department. The computer was seized and a search warrant was issued to permit an examination of the contents of the computer by a LAPD computer expert. Numerous images of child pornography involving male adults having sexual contact with female minors were recovered from files saved in the computer hard drive. The expert also discovered that the defendant had purchased online a stealth search program to conceal his identity while surfing the Internet for pornography.

The results of the investigation were forwarded to City Attorney Delgadillo's Criminal and Special Litigation Branch for successful prosecution by Deputy City Attorney Matthew St. George.

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