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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - April 30, 2012

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced the sentencing today of Michael Royce Galyen in federal court in San Diego based upon his conviction for production of child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a) and (e). United States District Judge Marilyn L. Huff sentenced Galyen to serve 294 months in prison and also ordered the defendant to serve 15 years of supervised release and register as a sex offender.

On March 2, 2010, the San Diego Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force executed a search warrant on Galyen's residence in Oceanside, California. The search warrant was based on a tip from MySpace that Galyen had uploaded images of child pornography to an account registered in his name. Agents seized several computers and hard drives from Galyen's apartment that were sent to the Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory (RCFL) to be analyzed. Shortly after the search warrant was executed, Galyen fled.

Galyen was featured on an episode of the FBI's local television show, "San Diego's Most Wanted."

With the assistance of the United States Marshals Service and the Kentucky State Police, Galyen was eventually located at this father's home in Kentucky. On November 8, 2010, Galyen was arrested in Kentucky and transferred to California.

On April 19, 2011, Galyen pled guilty to producing child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2251(a) and (e). Specifically, he admitted to using a hidden camera to secretly record himself engaging in a sex act with a 12-year-old boy. In addition, Galyen administered a password-protected website in which he and other pedophiles traded images of child pornography. The RCFL determined that the computer media seized from Galyen's apartment contained thousands of images of child pornography, including numerous images of children between six and 12 years old engaging in sex acts.

According to court documents, Galyen surrounded himself with children under 14-years-old by claiming to be a professional surfing and skateboarding photographer, and he persuaded numerous parents to sign model release forms for their children.

As noted during today's hearing, Galyen has a history of committing sex offenses against children. On February 24, 1994, he was convicted of Criminal Sexual Abuse in violation of Illinois law for pressing a vibrating object against the groin of a 9-year-old girl. On December 21, 1994, Galyen was convicted of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault in violation of Illinois law for committing an act of sexual penetration on a girl under the age of 13 years old. At the time of his arrest in this case, Galyen was a registered sex offender.

This case stems from an investigation by the San Diego Police Department, assisted by the San Diego Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, whose members include the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, the Chula Vista Police Department, the United States Attorney's Office, the San Diego District Attorney's Office, the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, the United States Marshals Service, the Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory, the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, the National City Police Department, the La Mesa Police Department, the

Oceanside Police Department, the El Cajon Police Department, the San Diego State University Police Department, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, and the Riverside County District Attorney's Office. For additional information regarding ICAC, please visit www.sdicac.org.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. 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 identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov. For more information about internet safety education, please visit www.usdoj.gov/psc and click on the tab "resources."

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 10cr5041-H

Michael Royce Galyen

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a) and (e) (Production of Images of Minors Engaged in Sexually Explicit Conduct)

AGENCIES

San Diego Police Department

San Diego Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force