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### **NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY** – October 1, 2012

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced that John Frederick Garner, a former deputy sheriff, was sentenced today by United States District Court Judge Marilyn L. Huff to serve 78 months in federal prison, followed by ten years of supervised release and mandatory registration under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act.

According to court documents, Garner pled guilty in June 2012 to one count of receipt of child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(2). In his plea, Garner admitted that between February 18, 2011 and June 15, 2011, he knowingly received visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

This case stems from an investigation by the San Diego Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC), whose members include the Chula Vista Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations, the San

Diego County Sheriff's 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](http://www.sdicac.org).

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative of the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who sexually exploit children, and to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.usdoj.gov/psc](http://www.usdoj.gov/psc). For more information about internet safety education, please visit [www.usdoj.gov/psc](http://www.usdoj.gov/psc) and click on the tab "resources."

**DEFENDANT**

**Case Number: 12CR1412-H**

John Frederick Garner

**SUMMARY OF CHARGES**

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(2) - Receipt of Child Pornography

**INVESTIGATING AGENCIES**

Chula Vista Police Department  
Internet Crimes against Children Task Force