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**FORMER PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POLICE OFFICER SENTENCED TO OVER 4 YEARS  
FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Greenbelt, Maryland - U.S. District Judge Alexander Williams, Jr. sentenced David John Larose, age 35, of Lusby, Maryland, today to 51 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release for possession of child pornography, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein. As a consequence of his conviction, Larose will also be required to register as a sex offender in the place where he resides and where he is an employee, pursuant to the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act. At today's sentencing Judge Williams determined that Larose had lied during his testimony at the hearing and failed to accept responsibility for his conduct.

According to his plea agreement, Larose was a patrol officer with the Prince George's Police Department since 1996. From October 2006 through at least April 2007, Larose used his personal email account to purchase child pornography from illegal child pornography websites. For example, from January 2007 through April 2007, Larose made at least five purchases of child pornography images from these illegal websites. In March 2008, federal investigators searched a computer seized from Larose's home, which revealed that Larose used his computer to access, download, and save images of child pornography. Larose admitted that his computer hard drive contained between 10 and 150 images of child pornography.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), 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 to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov). Details about Maryland's program are available at <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/md/Safe-Childhood/index.html>.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein praised U.S. Immigration and

Customs Enforcement, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the Calvert County Sheriff's Office and the Prince George's County Police Department for their investigation. Mr. Rosenstein thanked Assistant U.S. Attorney James A. Crowell IV, who prosecuted the case.

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