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SENTENCING ANNOUNCED FOR DEFENDANT IN SD ICAC TASK FORCE CASE

(San Diego) In November 2007, a child pornography investigation was initiated by the San Diego Internet Crimes Against Children (SD ICAC) Task Force, after an employee of a Staples store reported finding child pornography on a computer that had been brought in for repairs.

The employee reported that a man named Frank Deluca, 62 went to the Mission Valley Staples to have his computer files copied because his computer stopped working. While copying the computer files, the employee saw child pornography and reported it to the Chula Vista Police Department. The investigation revealed that Deluca was employed by the Chula Vista Elementary School District. No molestation victims were discovered related to Deluca's employment. During the investigation Deluca retired from the school district.

The investigation (including a forensic examination of his computer) revealed Deluca was in possession of hundreds of images of child pornography and as a result, was arrested in April 2008. In January 2009, Deluca pleaded guilty to felony possession of child pornography.

On February 19, 2009 Deluca was sentenced to 270 days in jail; 3 years probation; and mandatory mental health counseling. In addition, he must register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

This case stems from an investigation by the SD ICAC Task Force. Members of SD ICAC Task Force include: San Diego Police Department, San Diego County Sheriff's Department, Chula Vista Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, United States Attorney's Office, San Diego District Attorney's Office, United States Postal Inspection Service, Naval Criminal Investigative Service, United States Marshals Service, the Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory, Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and El Cajon Police Department.

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