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**NEWMAN MAN CONVICTED BY JURY FOR RECEIPT AND POSSESSION  
OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

FRESNO – United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that MICHAEL DAVID RAMIREZ, 24, of Newman, California, was convicted on January 16, 2008 for receiving and possessing child pornography. The conviction followed a three-day jury trial.

This case is the product of a joint investigation by the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department and the Fresno Office of the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The case began with the discovery that defendant had obtained movie files depicting the sexual exploitation of minors for file-sharing via the Peer to Peer computer network. Following the execution of a search warrant, law enforcement officers found more than 80 images and 200 videos on defendant's computer and external hard drive.

RAMIREZ was remanded into federal custody following the return of the guilty verdict on January 16, 2008. His sentencing is set for April 11, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. before the Honorable Lawrence J. O'Neill.

The defendant faces a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in custody and a fine of up to \$250,000. He also faces a lifetime of supervised release following his release from custody.

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