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Men plead to, sentenced on child pornography charges

A Lake Saint Louis man pleaded guilty Wednesday to a felony count of sexually exploiting a child.

Timothy Bryan Rose, 39, is scheduled for sentencing May 15. Sexual exploitation of a child carries a penalty of 15 to 30 years in prison and/or fines of up to \$25,000.

Rose was among five men facing charges involving child pornography, according to U.S. Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway.

James B. Norris Jr., 37, of O'Fallon, was sentenced to 37 months in prison Feb. 18 on one felony count of possession of child pornography. In May 2007, Norris possessed images containing child pornography on his computer, the court found. He and six others were charged with possession, transportation and receipt of child pornography, Hanaway announced Feb. 19.

These cases are brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat 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, 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.