

FORMER NASA EMPLOYEE SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

On June 6, 2005, William L. Mulligan, a former NASA Dryden Flight Research Center employee, was sentenced to 21 months in federal prison and 36 months of supervised release for one count of possession of child pornography in the Eastern District of California, Fresno, CA. Mulligan previously pled guilty to one count of possessing child pornography on May 10, 2004.

A NASA Office of Inspector General (OIG) investigation revealed that Mulligan used his workstation to download and view child pornography. During a subsequent search of Mulligan's home agents found child pornography images on his home computer which lead to the indictment of Mulligan on November 25, 2003.

Special Agents of the NASA OIG, with assistance from NASA Dryden IT Security staff, conducted the investigation. The prosecution was handled by Jon Conklin, Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of California.