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## US spammer gets two years in jail

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NEW YORK (AFP) — A 28-year-old man from the US state of New Jersey was jailed for more than two years by a New York judge on Friday for his part in a spamming operation that sent out millions of unsolicited emails.

Todd Moeller was sentenced to a 27-month term and fined more than 180,000 dollars after pleading guilty earlier this year to sending out spam emails.

Moeller was caught in a sting operation after agreeing to send junk email advertising an unspecified commercial product to around 1.2 million customers of Internet service provider America Online (AOL).

Moeller and co-defendant Adam Vitale, who also pleaded guilty and is due to be sentenced on November 13, boasted that they were able to send large volumes of spam in a way that concealed the email's true source.

Moeller and Vitale said they had made tens of thousands of dollars through their business.

Another US man was jailed for nine years in 2005 for violating anti-spam laws, while last year a Texas college student who led a massive spam email operation was fined more than 10 million dollars.

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