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### **NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - March 11, 2008**

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Christopher Lee Burgess pled guilty today in federal court in San Diego to an Information charging him with one count of possession of child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B). Burgess entered his guilty plea before Magistrate Judge Jan M. Adler, subject to final acceptance of the plea by United States District Court Judge M. James Lorenz, at the time of sentencing.

According to the court records, Burgess admitted that on or about August 9, 2007, he possessed a computer which contained over 600 images of minors, some as young as five or six years old, engaging in sexually explicit conduct with adults and each other.

At the time of his arrest, Burgess was active duty Navy stationed at Naval Air Station, Coronado.

Sentencing for Burgess is scheduled for May 27, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., before Judge Lorenz.

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

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide Department of Justice initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. 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 identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

**DEFENDANT**

**Case Number: 08cr0503-L**

CHRISTOPHER LEE BURGESS

**SUMMARY OF CHARGES**

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B) (Possession of Child Pornography)

Maximum Penalty: 10 years' incarceration, \$250,000 fine, a minimum of 5 years and up to a lifetime of supervised release and registration as a sex offender.

**AGENCIES**

Naval Criminal Investigative Service  
Immigration and Customs Enforcement