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FORMER PALM COAST RESIDENT PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Jacksonville, FL - United States Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that late yesterday David Michael Yoshikane (age 45, now a resident of Illinois) pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in Jacksonville to possession of child pornography while living in Palm Coast, Florida. Yoshikane faces a maximum penalty of ten years in federal prison.

According to court documents, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"), discovered that Yoshikane had used his credit card to purchase access to a particular child pornography website. On August 21, 2007, ICE agents contacted Yoshikane at his residence in Palm Coast. Yoshikane consented to the search of his computers and admitted having accessed a web site containing child pornography. Analysis of Yoshikane's computers revealed over 2,500 images of child pornography on three computer hard disk drives. Many of the images depicted very young children being victimized by sadistic conduct.

This case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney D. Rodney Brown.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the

Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, and to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.
