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**JACKSONVILLE MAN INDICTED ON
FEDERAL CHARGE OF POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Jacksonville, FL - United States Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that today Matthew Brewer (age 29, of Jacksonville) was indicted by a federal grand jury on a charge of possession of child pornography. Brewer faces a maximum penalty 10 years in federal prison. Brewer had an initial appearance today and his arraignment and detention hearing are scheduled for May 19, 2009, at 3:30 p.m., before United States Magistrate Judge James R. Klindt.

According to the indictment, on November 13, 2008, Brewer knowingly possessed numerous videos and images on a computer hard drive depicting minors engaging in sexually explicit 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 Department of Justice 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.

_____ An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of federal criminal law, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.
