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JACKSONVILLE MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL SENTENCED TO SEVENTY MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Jacksonville, FL - U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that Senior U.S. District Judge Harvey E. Schlesinger today sentenced James Robert Cotter (age 59, of Jacksonville), a licensed radiology technician, to seventy months in federal prison for possession of child pornography. Cotter was arrested at his residence on September 15, 2008, on a federal arrest warrant and has remained in federal custody since that time. He pleaded guilty on November 19, 2008. Cotter's license is currently under review by the state of Florida.

According to court documents, in early 2008, agents with the Dallas, Texas Office of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") began investigating the transportation of images of child pornography over the internet. During the execution of a federal search warrant in connection with the investigation, agents located several e-mail addresses. ICE traced one of the e-mail addresses to Cotter, in Jacksonville, Florida. On July 9, 2008, ICE agents and members of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office ("JSO") Vice Unit went to Cotter's residence in Jacksonville and spoke to him about the child pornography investigation. During the interview, Cotter stated that he had used the internet and had received some "inappropriate" pictures. Later that day, ICE agents and members of the JSO Vice Unit executed a federal search warrant at Cotter's residence and seized an HP Tower computer that contained numerous images of child pornography and

a video of child pornography. Some of the images of child pornography portrayed sadistic conduct involving children.

This case was investigated by the Jacksonville Division of ICE. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kevin C. Frein.