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## **COLUMBIA COUNTY MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT TO RECEIVING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY OVER THE INTERNET**

Jacksonville, Florida - United States Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that Kenneth Mathew Tanzosh (age 37, of Ft. White, Florida) pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court in Jacksonville to receiving child pornography over the Internet. Tanzosh faces at least 5 years and up to 20 years in federal prison. Tanzosh is also required to register as a sex offender. Tanzosh is currently in the custody of the United States Marshals Service, and his sentencing has not yet been scheduled.

According to court documents, the investigation of this case began in late 2008, when law enforcement authorities in Germany obtained a video containing child pornography using an internet file sharing network from a particular Internet Protocol ("IP") address in the United States. German authorities sent this information to the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"), for further investigation. Documents obtained from the internet service provider revealed that the subscriber for this IP address lived at a residence in Ft. White, Columbia County, Florida.

On February 3, 2009, a federal search warrant was executed at Kenneth Tanzosh's residence in Ft. White. Tanzosh was at the residence and was interviewed by ICE agents. Tanzosh admitted, among other things, that he had had a curiosity about images of young

kids for about a year, and that the youngest child he had viewed was possibly about 10 years old. The agents seized from the residence three computers, two digital cameras, and 133 compact disks belonging to Tanzosh.

Tanzosh's computers revealed that two of the computers contained visual depictions of child pornography. The analysis showed that Tanzosh had downloaded using one his computers three child pornography videos, all within a 33-minute period on February 1, 2009, using a file-sharing program over the Internet. The videos depict sadistic conduct involving the sexual abuse of a prepubescent female child. In total, Tanzosh's computer contained 13 videos and approximately 16 images of child pornography, together with 4 images of child erotica. On the other computer, Tanzosh possessed at least 65 images of child pornography and 10 images of child erotica, as well as 17 images of violent child pornography cartoons.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney D. Rodney Brown.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood. In 2006, the Department of Justice created Project Safe Childhood, a national initiative designed to protect children from online sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorney's Offices and the DOJ Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, 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 on Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).