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The indictment alleges that Pollock received and attempted to transport images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct and, on multiple occasions, did knowingly make, print, publish, and caused to be made notices and advertisements seeking and offering to receive the visual depiction of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. It further alleges that Pollock knew and had reason to know that such notices and advertisements would be transported via means involving interstate commerce, including the computer and Internet. According to the indictment, Pollock attempted to transport or ship such notices and visual images via the same means.

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

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Jacksonville and Rochester (New York), and the Child Predator Cybercrime Unit of the Florida Attorney General's Office. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney D. Rodney Brown.

It 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, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit <u>www.projectsafechildhood.gov.</u>

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