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## **DAVIS ISLANDS MAN SENTENCED TO MORE THAN SEVENTEEN YEARS FOR RECEIPT OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Tampa, Florida - U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that U.S. District Judge Richard A. Lazzara today sentenced Scott O. Callahan (40, Tampa) to 210 months in federal prison for receipt of child pornography. Callahan pled guilty on May 26, 2011.

According to court documents, Callahan possessed over 17,000 images of child pornography and over 500 videos of child pornography when a search warrant was executed at his home on February 22, 2011. Callahan also engaged in internet chats with an individual from the United Kingdom who was abusing his children and photographing the abuse. Callahan received approximately 32 images showing the abuse of the children from the individual in the United Kingdom.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sara C. Sweeney.

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](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

This case was also part of Operation Predator, a nationwide ICE initiative to identify, investigate, and arrest those who prey on children, including human traffickers, international sex tourists, Internet pornographers, and foreign-national predators whose crimes make them deportable. ICE encourages the public to report suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-347-2423. This hotline is staffed around the clock by investigators. Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.