



Department of Justice

United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill
Middle District of Florida

Tampa	Orlando	Jacksonville	Ocala	Fort Myers
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE			CONTACT: WILLIAM DANIELS	
August 19, 2011			PHONE: (813) 274-6388	
http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/flm/pr			FAX: (813) 274-6300	

26 CHARGED IN OPERATION SAFE SUMMER

Orlando, Florida - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill, Brevard County Sheriff Jack Parker, and Special Agent in Charge Susan McCormick, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations (ICE-HSI), announced today the culmination of "Operation Safe Summer." Operation Safe Summer focused on suspects who were actively soliciting children for sex and possessing and distributing images and videos of child pornography. In May 2011, with the end of the Brevard County school year, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office and ICE-HSI initiated the operation, which extended through the school summer vacation months.

On August 18, 2011, the operation concluded with a total of 26 individuals charged during the noted time period (see attached list). Eleven individuals were taken into custody by members of the Task Force previous to the sweep conducted on August 18, 2011. Two suspects were arrested outside of Florida for possession of child pornography from leads generated by the Task Force during this operation. Two of the men were registered sex offenders. Individuals arrested during the operation include a school employee, a rock musician, and a police lieutenant from Kentucky.

This cooperative investigation included agents from the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, ICE-HSI, the United States Marshals Service, the Florida Department of Law

Enforcement, the Game Over Task Force, West Melbourne Police Department, and the Kentucky State Police. Arrests were made in Brevard, Broward, Lake, Lee, Orange and Volusia counties as well as in New York, Utah and Kentucky. Individuals were arrested on charges ranging from possession and distribution of child pornography, solicitation and traveling for the purpose of having sexual relations with a minor, and lewd and lascivious exhibition.

The defendants were arrested and turned over to the custody of the United States Marshals Service. All of the cases will be prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office in Orlando, with the exception of David Williams, Phillip Trott, and Robert Adams, whose cases will be prosecuted by the State Attorney's Office.

Sheriff Jack Parker stated, "Through the use of the internet, child sex offenders have access to and can often seek victims in other communities. This operation serves as a great example of how law enforcement officers from different agencies can successfully impact crime and rid our communities of those that would harm our children by working together."

These cases were investigated by ICE-HSI and the Brevard County Sheriff's Office Task Force. The task force has been in operation since 2006, proactively investigating cases involving the sexual exploitation of children. In 2009, the task force agents were recognized as "Agents of the Year" for these investigations by the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida.

The federal cases are being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Carlos A. Perez-Irizarry, Tanya Wilson, LaKesia Mosley, Dan Eckhart and Special Assistant United States Attorney Myrna Mesa.

An Indictment and criminal complaints are merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty.

This operation was initiated 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 the United States Attorneys' Office and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood coordinates federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet and as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

These cases were 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>.

The following defendants were arrested during Operation Safe Summer:

Name	Age	Residence	Charges
Robert Adams	45	Deerfield Beach	Lewd & Lascivious Exhibition and Solicitation
Blake Adkins	24	Orlando	Solicitation & Travel to engage in sex with a minor
Jasen Anderson	20	Edgewater	Possession and Distribution of Child Pornography
Thomas Baker	53	Apopka	Possession and Distribution of Child Pornography
Roger Berkley	50	Grant	Possession and Distribution of Child Pornography
Grant Blackburn	27	Deland	Possession of Child Pornography
Mark Boykin	42	Melbourne	Possession and Receipt of Child Pornography
Thomas Brannock	52	West Melbourne	Possession of Child Pornography
Jason Casey	36	Daytona Beach	Possession of Child Pornography
Michael Channell	42	Indialantic	Possession of Child Pornography
Donald Cooney	68	Winter Haven	Possession and Distribution of Child Pornography
Jake Decker	36	Ogden, UT	Possession of Child Pornography
Manuel Fernandez	36	Royal Palm Beach	Solicitation & Travel to engage in sex with a minor
Bradley Fox	20	Cocoa	Possession and receipt of Child Pornography
Rafael Gonzalez	50	Palm Bay	Possession and Distribution of Child Pornography
James Gray, Jr.	24	Port Orange	Possession of Child Pornography
Norman Harman	39	Clermont	Possession and Distribution of Child Pornography
Joseph Hicks	44	Rochester, NY	Possession of Child Pornography
Samuel Langfitt III	72	Cocoa Beach	Possession and Distribution of Child Pornography
Shaun Lockhart	23	Palm Bay	Possession of Child Pornography
Jonathan Slade	44	Walton County	Possession of Child Pornography
Phillip Trott	49	Cape Coral	Lewd & Lascivious Exhibition and Solicitation
Brandon Tucker	22	Titusville	Possession of Child Pornography
Steven Waring	32	Cocoa	Possession and Distribution of Child Pornography
Michael Westervelt	24	Orlando	Possession and Distribution of Child Pornography
David Williams	37	West Point, KY	Lewd Exhibition and Solicitation

Maximum Penalties:

Possession of Child Pornography: 10 years in federal prison, \$250,000 fine, supervised release of at least 5 years up to life.

Distribution of Child Pornography: Mandatory minimum term of 5 years up to 20 years in federal prison, \$250,000 fine, supervised release of at least 5 years up to life.

Enticement of a Child for purposes of engaging in sexual activity: Mandatory minimum 10 years in federal prison up to life imprisonment, \$250,000 fine, supervised release of at least 5 years up to life.

Registered sex offenders, if convicted of possession of child Pornography, face a mandatory minimum term of 5 years and up to 15 years in federal prison \$250,000 fine, supervised release of at least 5 years up to life.

Registered sex offenders, if convicted of distribution of child Pornography, face a mandatory minimum 15 years up to 40 years in federal prison, \$250,000 fine, supervised release of at least 5 years up to life.