

## United States Attorney District of New Jersey

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## NEW JERSEY MAN INDICTED FOR SEXUALLY EXPLOITING FIVE CHILDREN AND RECEIPT, POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

NEWARK, N.J. – A Newark grand jury returned an Indictment today charging a Gloucester County man for his alleged sexual exploitation of five minors and receipt and possession of child pornography, United States Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Bryan Jacobs, 39, of Deptford, N.J., is charged with five counts of sexual exploitation of children, four counts of receipt of child pornography, and one count of possession of child pornography. Jacobs has been in custody since January after his arrest on a criminal Complaint charging him with related conduct. The defendant will be arraigned in Camden federal court before United States District Judge Renee Marie Bumb on a date to be determined.

## According to the Indictment:

Jacobs created a fake profile on the social networking site MySpace.com, using the false persona of "Brianna," supposedly a young woman from the Philadephia area. The home page of the "Brianna" MySpace account included pictures of a girl who appeared to be in her late teens.

Posing as "Brianna," Jacobs engaged in MySpace instant messaging, or "chats" with his victims, who were all boys under the age of 18. During the course of numerous chats, Jacobs persuaded his victims to engage in sexually explicit conduct, take pictures of that conduct, and send him the images through the Internet. Jacobs told his victims what kinds of pictures to send, including nude and otherwise compromising poses.

The potential penalties for the five sexual exploitation charges are a mandatory minimum of 15 years in prison and a maximum potential penalty of 30 years in prison. The four receipt of child pornography charges carry a mandatory minimum of five years in prison and a maximum potential penalty of 20 years in prison. The possession of child pornography charge carries a maximum of 10 years in prison. Each charge also carries a \$250,000 maximum fine.

U.S. Attorney Fishman credited special agents of the United States Secret Service Philadelphia Field Office, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Cynthia R. Wofford, and the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office, under the direction of Sean F. Dalton, with the investigation leading to the Indictment.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Zach Intrater of the U.S. Attorney's Office Criminal Division in Newark.

The charges and allegations contained in the Indictment are merely accusations and the defendant is considered innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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