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PULASKI COUNTY MAN INDICTED IN FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CASE

LITTLE ROCK – Jane W. Duke, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, announced today that Fredrick Rains, age 62, was indicted for Receipt and Possession of Child Pornography.

On June 22, 2010, an individual reported to the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department that while in a local restaurant, Fredrick Rains took inappropriate pictures of the caller's sixteen-year-old niece. A Pulaski County detective contacted Rains and conducted an interview with him. During the interview Rains denied taking photographs of the young girl, but stated he may have focused on her rear-end while checking his camera phone. Rains then gave written consent for the detectives to search his home and computers.

While conducting the search, detectives previewed a computer and found several images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. The detectives stopped the search to obtain a search warrant. After securing a search warrant, the search continued and numerous items of computer media were seized. Rains was arrested on state possession of child pornography charges. Rains subsequently admitted he downloaded and possessed images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct from news groups and had been doing so for approximately seven years.

The forensic report, conducted by agents with the United States Secret Service, revealed over 7,000 images of child pornography. The case was subsequently referred to the United States Attorney's office for prosecution.

This case was investigated by the United States Secret Service and the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office. Assistant United States Attorney Marsha Clevenger is prosecuting this case for the United States.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by

the Department of Justice. 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 www.projectsafefchildhood.gov.

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An indictment contains only allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.