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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - June 1, 2012

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced the arraignment this afternoon of Joshua Taylor on a federal criminal complaint charging him with distribution and possession of images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252(a)(2) and (4). Taylor was arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) yesterday afternoon aboard MCAS Miramar.

According to the complaint, on May 12, 2010 and November 7, 2011, Taylor knowingly distributed images of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct, and on December 21, 2012, Taylor knowingly possessed images of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct. According to the charging document, HSI agents were able to download child pornography from a computer located at Taylor's residence in San Diego via a commercially available file-sharing program. On December 21, 2011, a federal search warrant was executed at the residence where child pornography was located. At the time, Taylor was deployed aboard the USS Makin Island. NCIS searched Taylor's quarters and located a computer and computer

media with child pornography. The documents further allege that at the time of this arrest, Taylor was employed as a helicopter pilot in the United States Marine Corps.

The public is reminded that a complaint is not evidence that the defendant committed the crime charged. The defendant is presumed innocent until the United States meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Magistrate Judge Karen S. Crawford set bail at \$50,000. The defendant is next scheduled to be in court on June 14, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

This case stems from an investigation by the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 12mj2018

Joshua Taylor

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(2) (Distribution of Child Pornography)

Maximum Penalties: 20 years' incarceration, mandatory minimum of 5 years' incarceration, \$250,000 fine, a minimum of 5 years and up to a lifetime of supervised release and registration as a sex offender.

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4) (Possession of Child Pornography)

Maximum Penalties: 10 years' incarceration, \$250,000 fine, a minimum of 5 years and up to a lifetime of supervised release and registration as a sex offender.

AGENCIES

Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations
Naval Criminal Investigative Service