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San Diego, California

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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY – October 18, 2012

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced the unsealing of a criminal indictment today charging Howard Willie Carter II with receipt and possession of images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Carter was arraigned today in federal court in San Diego before United States Magistrate Judge Jan M. Adler.

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents arrested Carter in San Diego the morning of Wednesday, October 17, 2012.

Magistrate Judge Adler ordered Carter held in custody pending a detention hearing on October 23, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

The case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

DEFENDANT

CASE NUMBER 12cr4191W

Howard Willie Carter, II

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(2) - Receipt of Images of Minors Engaged in Sexually Explicit Conduct (two counts); Maximum penalty (per count): not less than 5 years and not more than 20 years in prison

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B) - Possession of Images of Minors Engaged in Sexually Explicit Conduct (one count); Maximum penalty: 10 years in prison

INVESTIGATING AGENCY

Federal Bureau of Investigation

An indictment itself is not evidence that the defendant committed the crimes charged. The defendant is presumed innocent until the Government meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.