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ARMY COLONEL CHARGED WITH PRODUCING OWN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

ATLANTA, GA - EDGAR PAGAN-TORRES, 41, of Peachtree City, Georgia, a lieutenant colonel with the U.S. Army, has been indicted by a federal grand jury on child pornography production and possession offenses. PAGAN made his initial appearance before a United States Magistrate Judge on April 15, 2009 and was indicted this afternoon.

United States Attorney Sally Quillian Yates said, "This defendant allegedly sexually abused his own daughter and niece and then produced videos of his crimes, 'mementos' that he carefully organized into home video-style DVDs. This shocking and tragic conduct has no place in our nation's military, nor anywhere else. I appreciate all the hard work the U.S. Army investigators did to bring this case to the FBI and to ensure that the Defendant now faces these very serious charges."

"Today's indictment and continuing investigation clearly illustrates tremendous interagency cooperation with our global law enforcement partners," said Brigadier General Colleen McGuire, the Provost Marshal General of the Army and the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command. "Working hand in hand with Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies in cross jurisdictional investigations, we are continually proving our commitment to investigate crimes impacting the Army, wherever they may occur."

According to United States Attorney Yates, the indictment and evidence in public record and in court: PAGAN was assigned to a military installation in Puerto Rico from 2004 to 2007. At that time, he and his family lived near PAGAN's sister, who has a daughter the same age as PAGAN's daughter. In 2008, a year after PAGAN and his family relocated to Peachtree City, PAGAN's niece made an outcry alleging that PAGAN had molested her and his daughter. In 2009, family members passed this information to law enforcement in Puerto Rico, resulting in PAGAN's guilty plea last month in Puerto Rico to criminal charges related to his niece's molestation allegations.

At the same time the Puerto Rican authorities were investigating, agents from the U.S. Army's Criminal Investigations Division based at Ft. McPherson seized various computers

and digital media from PAGAN's home in Peachtree City. Searches of these items revealed sexually explicit videos PAGAN had made involving his daughter and his niece. Some of the videos were made in PAGAN's home in Puerto Rico and others were made in his Peachtree City residence. Many of the videos had been transferred from the original recording media to home video-style DVDs organized into chapters. Additional forensic work uncovered a large collection of child pornography PAGAN had downloaded from the internet.

Members of the public are reminded that the indictment contains only allegations. A defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government's burden to prove the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

This case is being investigated by Special Agents of the FBI, U.S. Army Criminal Investigations Division, and the Peachtree City Police Department.

Assistant United States Attorneys Robert McBurney and Jill Steinberg are prosecuting the case.

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