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ROCKFORD MAN INDICTED ON FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and KENNETH T. LAAG, Postal Inspector-in-Charge of the Chicago Office of the United States Postal Service, today made the following announcement:

A federal grand jury in Rockford today indicted **THOMAS J. BEAULIEU**, 43 (DOB: 5/19/1962), of 5239 Linden Road, #8204, Rockford, Illinois, for receiving, possessing and soliciting child pornography which had traveled across state lines.

The indictment charges Beaulieu with one count of receiving sixteen DVDs which depicted child pornography; one count of possessing images, computer files and videos which depicted child pornography; and one count of soliciting materials via the internet containing images of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

Beaulieu is scheduled to make his initial appearance in federal court on Monday, May 8, 2006, at 11:00 a.m. At that time, United States Magistrate Judge P. Michael Mahoney will arraign Beaulieu on the charges contained in the indictment.

If convicted of the current charges, the defendant faces a maximum potential sentence of up to 20 years in prison and a \$500,000 fine. If convicted, the actual sentence will be determined by a United States District Court Judge, guided by the United States Sentencing Guidelines.

The case was investigated by the Chicago office of the United States Postal Service, assisted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Boone County Sheriff's Department. The case is being prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney Michael D. Love.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. The defendant is entitled to a fair trial at which time the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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