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ROCKFORD MAN INDICTED ON FEDERAL CHARGES FOR PRODUCING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and ROBERT GRANT, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, today made the following announcement:

A federal grand jury in Rockford today indicted **CHRISTOPHER J. BROWN**, 37, of Rockford, Illinois, on child pornography charges. The indictment charges Brown with two counts of using a minor under the age of 18 to engage in sexually explicit conduct in order to produce images of such conduct in 2008 using materials that had traveled across state lines.

If convicted, the defendant faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years in prison and up to 30 years in prison, and a \$250,000 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 Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Rockford Police 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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