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FEDERAL GRAND JURY IN SOUTH BEND RETURNS INDICTMENT

South Bend, IN—The United States Attorney's Office announced that a Grand Jury sitting in South Bend, Indiana, returned the following Indictment on August 10, 2011:

Michael R. Alter, 59, of Logansport, Indiana, was charged in a one-count Indictment with possession of child pornography. These charges were filed as a result of an investigation by the Indiana State Police and the United States Secret Service. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John M. Maciejczyk.

The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

The United States Attorney's Office emphasized that an Indictment is merely an allegation and that all persons charged are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.