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INDICTMENTS RETURNED IN HAMMOND FEDERAL COURT

Hammond, Indiana- The United States Attorney's Office announced that the following Indictments were returned on March 8, 2012:

- Steven Moten, 52, of Gary, Indiana, was charged in an Indictment with distribution of crack cocaine and possession with the intent to distribute crack cocaine. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation GRIT Task Force. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.
- Bradley Walker, 53, of Crown Point, Indiana, was charged in an Indictment with being a felon in possession of a firearm and felon in possession of ammunition. Walker has a prior felony conviction for robbery. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force and the Lake County Sheriff's Department. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.
- Terrance Shawn Young, 49, of Valparaiso, Indiana, was charged in an Indictment with receipt of child pornography and possession of child pornography. A federal search warrant was obtained on December 16, 2011 which authorized law enforcement to search Young's residence. The search uncovered over one hundred images of suspected child pornography on a computer belonging to Young, along with 500 videos, many of which had titles indicative of child pornography, and most of which depicted minors being caused to engage in sexually explicit conduct. This case resulted from an investigation by members of the Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, including U.S. Immigration and Custom Office of Homeland Security Investigations, the Indiana State Police and the Highland Police Department. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jill Koster.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May

2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafchildhood.gov.

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.