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**FORMER STATE TROOPER PLEADS GUILTY TO
RECEIPT OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

ALEXANDRIA, La. – United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced that Jay Sandifer, 41, of Jena, pled guilty today to receipt of child pornography. The receipt of child pornography offense is based on hundreds of images of child pornography that were found on Sandifer's work-issued laptop computer.

Sandifer is a former Louisiana State Trooper who was indicted in September 2010, and charged with receipt, possession and access with intent to view child pornography. Receipt of child pornography carries a maximum term of 20 years and a mandatory minimum term of 5 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both. Sandifer will be sentenced on January 27, 2012.

The case was investigated by Louisiana State Police and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Earl M. Campbell and Nicole O. Snyder.

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