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## **SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT CONTAINING FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND FIREARMS CHARGES FILED AGAINST PRESIDENT OF NATURE'S SANCTUARY IN PRESIDIO**

A federal grand jury in Pecos, Texas, yesterday returned a superseding indictment against 64-year-old Clyde Rudolph Allen, Jr., President of Nature's Sanctuary in Presidio, Texas, charging him with various child pornography and firearms related offenses announced United States Attorney Robert Pitman and Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations (ICE-HSI) Special Agent in Charge Dennis Ulrich.

According to court documents, Allen was arrested by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers while attempting to enter into the United States through the Port of Entry in Presidio on February 29, 2012. During an inspection, officials discovered two cell phones, one of which contained an image of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Further inspection revealed that Allen allegedly texted the image to the other cell phone, then forwarded the image to an email address related to Nature's Sanctuary. Authorities subsequently executed a search warrant at the defendant's residence and discovered several rifles, a handgun as well as an assortment of ammunition. Previously, Allen has been convicted of numerous offenses to include Interstate Transportation of a stolen motor vehicle and convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

The nine-count superseding indictment charges Allen with one count of traveling in interstate commerce for the purpose of engaging in any illicit sexual conduct with a minor; one count of knowingly transporting a minor with the intent that the minor engage in sexually explicit activity; three counts of production of child pornography; one count of receipt and distribution of child pornography; one count of possession of child pornography; and, two counts of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, namely a Remington 1100 Shotgun and a Marlin 336 Rifle. The superseding indictment also contains a notice of criminal forfeiture whereby the Government is seeking to forfeit the defendant's residence as well as the firearms and ammunition seized at the time the search warrant was executed.

Allen remains in federal custody. No trial date has been scheduled. Upon conviction, Allen faces up to 30 years imprisonment for each transportation charge; between 15 and 30 years imprisonment for each child pornography production charge; between five and 20 years imprisonment for receipt of child pornography; up to ten years imprisonment for possession of child pornography; and, up to ten years imprisonment for each felon in possession of a firearm charge.

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This case was investigated by ICE-HSI agents with assistance from the U.S. Border Patrol, Presidio Police Department, Presidio County Sheriff's Office and the Presidio County Juvenile Probation Office. Assistant United States Attorney Monty Kimball is prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.

**An indictment is merely a charge and should not be considered as evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.**

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