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### **SEX OFFENDER CONVICTED OF OBSCENITY OFFENSE**

**GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA** – This afternoon, a federal jury in Gainesville convicted Matthew Lee Ostrander, 36, of Missouri, on possession of obscene visual depictions of minors. The conviction, which followed a 2-day trial that began on Wednesday, was announced by Jason R. Coody, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida.

Evidence introduced at trial revealed that in September 2020, Ostrander was arrested in Gainesville, Florida for an outstanding warrant from Missouri. At the time of his arrest, he had also failed to register as a sex offender in the State of Florida. He knowingly possessed electronic devices that contained over four hundred computer-generated images depicting children engaged in sexual activity. The activity included sadistic and masochistic abuse and sexual intercourse with children.

According to court documents, Ostrander is a registered sex offender who was previously convicted of possession of child pornography on October 18, 2017.

Ostrander's sentencing hearing is scheduled for August 2, 2022, at 11:00 am, at the United States Courthouse in Gainesville before the Honorable United States District Judge Allen C. Winsor. Ostrander faces 20 years imprisonment.

This conviction was the result of an investigation by the Homeland Security Investigations. Assistant United States Attorney Frank Williams prosecuted this case.

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