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**FORMER LEON COUNTY CORRECTIONS OFFICER INDICTED FOR
DISTRIBUTION, POSSESSION, AND RECEIPT OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA – James Anthony Linton, 60, of Tallahassee, Florida, was indicted by a federal grand jury charging him with receiving, distributing, and possessing material constituting child pornography. The indictment was announced by Jason R. Coody, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida. Linton made his initial appearance in federal court to face the charges this afternoon.

The indictment alleges that, between November 2021, and February 2022, Linton received, distributed, and possessed material containing child pornography. The pornographic material allegedly found in Linton's possession involved minors under the age of 12.

Trial for Linton is set for May 24, 2023, at 8:15 a.m., at the United States Courthouse in Tallahassee before the Honorable United States Chief District Judge Mark E. Walker.

An indictment is merely an allegation by a grand jury that a defendant has committed a violation of federal criminal law and is not evidence of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent and entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

The case was investigated by Homeland Security Investigations and the Leon County Sheriff's Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Meredith L. Steer.

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