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TWO FRANKLIN COUNTY MEN INDICTED ON FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

ST. LOUIS, MO - Michael Lines and Andrew Charles Kain have been indicted separately on federal child pornography charges, United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway announced today.

"Nothing we do is more important than protecting children from predators. We can only make these cases when we have the commitment of local law enforcement. I am very grateful to the Franklin County Sheriff's Department for their investigation of these cases," said Hanaway.

Lines, 56, 400 block of Independence Drive, Union, Missouri, was indicted by a federal grand jury on one felony count of possession of child pornography. The indictment alleges that Lines possessed numerous images of child pornography on his computer in July 2006. If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000.

Kain, 32, of 500 block of East 8th Street, Washington, Missouri, was also indicted by a federal grand jury on one felony count of possession of child pornography. The indictment alleges that Kain possessed numerous images of child pornography on his computer in March 2006, in Franklin County, Missouri. If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000.

These cases are being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, 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 identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

In addition to the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, Hanaway commended the work on the case by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Postal Inspection Service, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Missouri Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the Regional Computer Crimes Education and Enforcement Group, and Assistant United States Attorneys Tiffany Becker and Hal Goldsmith, who are handling the case for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

The charges set forth in an indictment are merely accusations, and each defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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