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LOUISIANA MAN INDICTED FOR POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

(HOUSTON, Texas) - A federal grand jury has indicted Raymond Charles Fontenot Jr., of Denham Springs, La., for possessing child pornography, United States Attorney Don DeGabrielle announced today. The indictment was returned on Oct. 1, 2008. Fontenot, 25, was arrested late Thursday, Oct. 9, 2008, by FBI agents and officers with the Houston Police Department (HPD) when the tugboat on which he works docked at the Houston ship channel. He appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Frances Stacy this morning and has been ordered temporarily detained pending a hearing on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2008, on the government's motion to hold Fontenot in federal custody without bond pending trial of this case.

Fontenot is accused in the one count indictment of possessing images of child pornography obtained via the internet on June 6, 2008, on a laptop computer and compact disks.

The charges against Fontenot are the result of an investigation conducted by members of the Innocent Images squad in the Houston office of the FBI and the HPD which focuses its attention on investigating offenses involving the exploitation of children.

Fontenot faces a sentence of up to 10 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$250,000 if convicted.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by 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 to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafchildhood.gov.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Stabe.

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