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KENTUCKY MAN INDICTED ON CHILD SEX ABUSE AND CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

INDIANAPOLIS – A federal grand jury in Indianapolis, Ind., has indicted Jack A. Taylor, 67, a resident of Russell County, Ky., on aggravated sexual abuse and related child pornography charges, Assistant Attorney General Alice S. Fisher of the Criminal Division and Acting U.S. Attorney Timothy Morrison for the Southern District of Indiana announced today.

Taylor was charged in a four-count indictment with one count of crossing state lines with the intent to engage in sexual acts with a minor under 12 years old (aggravated sex abuse), and one count each of producing, transporting, and possessing child pornography. Taylor also faces possible forfeiture of items seized during the investigation that were used to commit the offenses.

The indictment charges that during early Fall 2006, Taylor traveled from the Commonwealth of Kentucky to Lebanon, Ind., with the intent to engage in sexual acts with a minor, "Jane Doe," who was under 12 years of age at that time. During the same time frame, the indictment also charges that Taylor, using a digital camera and related equipment, knowingly used Jane Doe to produce images of child pornography. Finally, the indictment charges that Taylor transported images of child pornography on a computer compact disk (CD) to Lebanon and possessed images of child pornography on various computer media devices, both in Lebanon and at his home in Russell County, Ky.

If convicted on all counts, Taylor faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 30 years in prison and a maximum penalty of life in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and a possible lifetime term of supervised release.

This case was brought as part of 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 <http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov/>.

The case is being prosecuted jointly by Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven DeBrotta of the Southern District of Indiana and Trial Attorney Steven Grocki of the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the Department of Justice's Criminal Division. The case was investigated by the U.S. Secret Service, with the assistance of the Lebanon, Ind., Police Department and the Russell County, Ky., Sheriff's Department.

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