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ELEVEN DEFENDANTS CHARGED IN ORLANDO **WITH CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN**

Orlando, Florida - United States Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that charges have been brought against eleven individuals as part of Project Safe Childhood, a national initiative of the Department of Justice designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. The charges are set forth in nine separate indictments, one additional, superseding indictment, and one criminal complaint. All of the charges were filed this month. The charges vary by defendant, but include conspiring to travel in interstate commerce to engage in illicit sexual conduct, manufacture of child pornography, distribution and receipt of child pornography, possession of child pornography, failure to register as a sex offender, interstate transmission of threatening or extortionate communications, and computer hacking.

The following is a summary of the defendants who have been charged:

1. PATRICK CONNOLLY, 36, United Kingdom

- CONNOLLY was charged in a superseding indictment returned on May 20, 2009, with five counts of manufacture and attempted manufacture of child pornography, six counts of interstate transmission of threatening or extortionate communications, and one count of computer hacking.
- If convicted, CONNOLLY faces a minimum mandatory term of imprisonment of not less than 15 years up to a maximum term of 175 years.

2. RHONDA BAYS, 39, Eustis, Florida

- BAYS was charged in a criminal complaint filed on May 16, 2009 with one count of conspiring to travel in interstate commerce for the purpose of engaging in illicit sexual conduct.
- If convicted, BAYS faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 30 years.

3. MICHAEL BOGARDUS, 42, Kissimmee, Florida

- BOGARDUS was charged in an indictment returned on May 6, 2009 with one count of failure to register as a sexual offender.
- If convicted, BOGARDUS faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years.

4. CORY COOPER, 23, Winter Park, Florida

- COOPER was charged in an indictment returned on May 20, 2009 with one count of distribution of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography.
- If convicted, COOPER faces a minimum mandatory term of imprisonment of not less than 5 years up to a maximum of 30 years.

5. DAVID FOSTER, 35, Orlando, Florida

- FOSTER was charged in an indictment returned on May 27, 2009 with one count of distribution of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography.
- If convicted, FOSTER faces a minimum mandatory term of imprisonment of not less than 5 years up to a maximum of 30 years.

6. MITCHELL HOLLAR, 53, Cocoa, Florida

- HOLLAR was charged in an indictment returned on May 13, 2009 with one count of distribution of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography.
- If convicted, HOLLAR faces a minimum mandatory term of imprisonment of not less than 5 years up to a maximum of 30 years.

7. JEREMY MOHR, 25, Rockledge, Florida

- MOHR was charged in an indictment returned on May 27, 2009 with one count of possession of child pornography.

- If convicted, MOHR is faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years.

8. MICHAEL KELLY, 26, Orlando, Florida

- KELLY was charged in an indictment returned on May 27, 2009 with one count of possession of child pornography.
- If convicted, KELLY faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years.

9. TIMOTHY MURPHY, 53, Altamonte Springs, Florida

- MURPHY was charged in an indictment returned on May 20, 2009 with one count of possession of child pornography.
- If convicted, MURPHY faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years.

10. SEAN PETERS, 38, Orlando, Florida

- PETERS was charged in an indictment returned on May 20, 2009 with one count of possession of child pornography.
- If convicted, PETERS faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years.

11. TRAVIS WASON, 36, Port Saint John, Florida

- WASON was charged in an indictment returned on May 20, 2009 with one count of possession of child pornography.
- If convicted, WASON faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years.

U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton stated: "Prosecuting those who seek to harm and exploit children is a top priority for the United States Attorney's Office. Since the creation of Project Safe Childhood, the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida has prosecuted over 100 cases involving the exploitation of children. The eleven cases that were charged in May 2009 in Orlando represent my Office's commitment to continue to bring cases that will serve to combat the increase of sexual predators using the Internet to entice and sexually exploit our children."

Additional arrests of other defendants are expected over the next several weeks.

An indictment or criminal complaint is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty.

These cases are being prosecuted pursuant to the Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood program. In February 2006, the Department of Justice created Project Safe Childhood, a national 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 to identify and rescue victims. For more information on Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

These cases were investigated by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Secret Service, the United States Postal Inspection Service, the United States Marshals Service, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, and the Seminole County Sheriff's Office. The cases will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Bruce S. Ambrose, Robert E. Bodnar, Vincent S. Chiu, Daniel W. Eckhart, Karen L. Gable, Roger B. Handberg, Carlos A. Perez, and Tanya Davis Wilson.