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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**TERRE HAUTE MAN CHARGED WITH DISTRIBUTING  
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, and Alice S. Fisher, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, announced that DALE SCHOFFSTALL, age 45, of Terre Haute, Indiana, was charged with one count of distributing of child pornography. SCHOFFSTALL'S charge was the result of an investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Indiana State Police.

The information alleges that on or about September 2005, SCHOFFSTALL knowingly distributed a computer disk containing multiple image files of child pornography in interstate or foreign commerce through the U.S. Mail. The child pornography allegedly involved visual depictions of minors under the age of 18 years engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

In other pleadings filed today, SCHOFFSTALL informed the Court that he intends to plead guilty as charged pursuant to a plea agreement with the United States.

SCHOFFSTALL faces a possible prison sentence between the mandatory minimum of 5 years and the 20 year maximum sentence for distributing child pornography, plus a fine of up to \$250,000. Under the terms of the filed plea agreement, the government has agreed to request that the Court impose a sentence of imprisonment of between 97 and 121 months. The government will also request that the Court place the defendant on supervised release following his release from imprisonment for the remainder of his life.

The case is being prosecuted by Steven D. DeBrotta, Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of Indiana, and Darcy Katzin, Trial Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section. This prosecution is part of the Project Safe Childhood initiative announced by the U.S. Attorney General to combat child pornography on the internet.

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