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**CONVICTED NASSAU COUNTY SEX OFFENDER PLEADS GUILTY  
TO FEDERAL CHARGE OF POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Jacksonville, FL - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announced today that Mickey Wayne Brazzell (56, Yulee) pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to possessing images depicting child pornography. Brazzell faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years and up to 20 years in federal prison, a \$250,000 fine, and a potential life term of supervised release. He is also required to forfeit his computer media. A sentencing date has not yet been set.

According to court documents, Brazzell has a prior conviction for a sexual offense against minor children. On November 6, 2000, Brazzell was convicted of lewd and lascivious conduct in a Jacksonville, Florida state court.

More recently, according to court documents, Brazzell was identified as a possible suspect in a child pornography offense by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). NCMEC referred this matter to the Florida Attorney General's Office in Jacksonville (AGO) for further investigation. In June 2010, two AGO investigators made contact with Brazzell at his apartment in Yulee, Florida. Among other things, Brazzell admitted to the investigators that he had received several images of boys 12-13 years of age "having sex on each other." Based upon this, other admissions regarding child pornography made by Brazzell, and other evidence, the investigators seized Brazzell's laptop computer.

On November 23, 2010, Brazzell was arrested by FBI agents and AGO officers at

his residence in Yulee. During an interview, Brazzell told the agents, among other things, that he was given a computer by a friend and that he had pornography on this computer. Subsequently, the agents seized a second desktop computer, compact disks and an external thumb drive from Brazzell's residence. These media items were found to contain depictions of child pornography.

According to court documents, approximately 900 images were recovered from Brazzell. At least 191 of the images depict minor children engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Brazzell knew that the production of each of the images and videos which he possessed involved the use of at least one minor child engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

This case was investigated by the former Child Predator Cybercrime Unit of the Florida Attorney General's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney D. Rodney Brown.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), 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.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).