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## **NEW HAMPSHIRE MAN INDICTED ON FEDERAL CHARGE OF FAILURE TO REGISTER AS SEX OFFENDER**

Jacksonville, Florida - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces today that Kevin Robert Leblanc (48, New Hampshire) has been indicted for failure to register as sex offender in Florida after traveling from New Hampshire. Leblanc faces up to 10 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine. Leblanc was originally arrested in Lake City, Florida for theft, and has a pending escape charge in New Hampshire. According to the indictment, Leblanc was convicted of committing sex offenses against a child on July 29, 1999 in Massachusetts. Leblanc was arraigned today in U.S. District Court in Jacksonville, and his trial is scheduled for June 6, 2011. Leblanc has been in custody since November 2010.

This case was investigated by the United States Marshals Service, the Lake City Police Department, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, and the New Hampshire State Police. 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).

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed one or more violations of federal criminal law, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.