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### **Mark Alan Deakins Indicted For Sexual Exploitation Of Children FBI Seeks Additional Victims**

KNOXVILLE, TN (FBI) – The Federal Bureau of Investigation is asking for the public’s help in identifying potential historical victims of convicted sexual offender Mark Alan Deakins who were victimized, photographed, and/or filmed/videoed by Deakins from the 1990s through June 2021. Victims of Deakins most likely include males between the ages of 7 and 17. It is believed there could be more than 20 victims throughout the Southeast.

On June 16, 2021, a federal grand jury in Knoxville returned a 1 count indictment against Mark Alan Deakins, 61, of Chattanooga, TN, for the sexual exploitation of a child. Deakins is currently being held pending trial in United States District Court, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The indictment alleges that Deakins sexually exploited a child under the age of 12 from June 2018 through September 2018.

If you believe you have been a victim of Mark Alan Deakins or suspect someone who has, please contact the FBI Chattanooga office at 423-265-3601 or report it at <https://tips.fbi.gov>.

The indictment is the result of an investigation by the Chattanooga Crimes Against Children Task Force and included the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Marshals Service, Homeland Security Investigations, Chattanooga Police Department, Tennessee Highway Patrol, Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office, and Red Bank Police Department.

The FBI is legally mandated to identify victims of federal crimes it investigates. Identified victims may be eligible for certain services and rights under federal and/or state law.

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