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**TERRILL MARION CRANE ARRESTED FOR PRODUCTION OF CHILD
PORNOGRAPHY INVOLVING HIS ALLEGED SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF
NUMEROUS YOUNG GIRLS**

FBI Seeking to Identify Other Possible Victims

Atlanta, GA - TERRILL MARION CRANE, 47, of Atlanta, Georgia, was arrested by the FBI's Safe Child Task Force this afternoon on a federal charge of producing child pornography relating to photographs that depict his explicit sexual activity with numerous young girls in the Simpson Road area of Atlanta. CRANE is expected to make his initial appearance some time tomorrow before a United States Magistrate Judge.

"This is a very disturbing case, for many reasons," said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. "According to the criminal complaint, photographs from the 1999-2002 time period, which the FBI only recently obtained, depict T.C. Crane engaged in explicit sexual activity with at least 11 different minor girls. Photographs recovered in a search last week allegedly depict his sexual activity with at least two other young girls. Only four of those girls have been identified thus far. The complaint indicates that Crane paid the girls based on the sex act they allowed him to perform and for getting other girls to engage in sex acts with him. We want to identify the other victims shown in the photographs and any additional girls who were sexually exploited. The complaint alleges that Crane engaged in the criminal conduct in his home on Beecher Road in Atlanta and in and around his silver or grey pickup truck. We urge anyone who engaged in sexual activity with T.C. Crane as a teenager, or anyone else with information about this case, to contact the FBI at 404-679-9000. We promise that all victims will be treated with the dignity and protection they deserve."

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the criminal complaint filed in this case: FBI investigation has determined that since at least 1999, CRANE has sexually exploited numerous young girls in the Simpson Road area of Atlanta and produced numerous photographs of the sexual activity. CRANE befriended young girls, took them to his home or pickup truck, and then gave them cash to engage in sexual conduct. Crane also asked the young girls to bring him other young girls, for which he would pay them \$50. CRANE sometimes took photos or directed photos to be taken of the sexual activity.

In 2000, an employee of a local photo processing company contacted the Atlanta Police Department (APD) because he was concerned about the content of photos from film developed for CRANE. The photographs, provided to APD between 2000 and 2002, contain approximately 50 sexually explicit photographs of 11 different minor females, who appear to be between the ages of 12 and 15, engaged in sexual conduct with CRANE.

On October 16, 2007, APD provided to the FBI the photographs received from the photo processing company between 2000 and 2002. After further investigation including identification of four of the girls depicted in the photographs, on November 20, 2007, the FBI executed a federal search warrant at CRANE's Beecher Road residence. Agents found undeveloped film, including some from disposable cameras, which was later developed and shows CRANE engaged in sexual activity with at least two other young girls.

In 2003, CRANE's wife, who is a Sergeant with the Atlanta Police Department, allegedly got a call from an unidentified person at APD Headquarters that APD had photographs of her husband engaged in sexually explicit conduct with young girls. CRANE's wife said she found some explicit photographs in her house and burned the photographs and negatives. Even after that time, CRANE was still allegedly attempting to have sex with young girls; in June or July of this year, CRANE told one of the girls he had sexually exploited several years ago that he was still interested in young girls and would pay her fifty dollars for each young girl she provided to him.

Since receiving the photographs in October and executing the search warrant, the FBI has been attempting to identify the girls in the photographs and other victims of CRANE's abuse. The FBI urges victims or anyone with information to call the FBI at 404-679-9000)

This case is being investigated by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its Safe Child Task Force.

Assistant United States Attorneys Jeffrey Brown and Mary Jane Stewart are prosecuting the case.

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