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GREENVILLE RESIDENT CHARGED WITH PRODUCING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JENNIFER JACOBI, 34, Harrison County, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for 10 counts of producing child pornography and one count of possessing child pornography, following an investigation by the Harrison County Sheriff's Department, Harrison County Prosecutor's Office, Piscataquis County Sheriff's Office (Maine), Brownville Police Department (Maine), the Indiana State Police, and the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Indianapolis Office. This case is part of the Project Safe Childhood Initiative and is being prosecuted jointly by both the Harrison County Prosecutor's Office and the United States Attorney's Office in the Southern District of Indiana, along with several law enforcement members of the Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC).

The indictment alleges that JACOBI produced child pornography on 10 separate occasions involving two females only identified as Jane Doe 1 and Jane Doe 2 between January 2005 and February 16, 2006. The indictment also alleges that JACOBI possessed different images of child pornography on a computer hard drive and a computer disk.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who is prosecuting the case for the government, JACOBI faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 15-30 years on each count of producing child pornography and up to 10 years for possession years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000 for each charge. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in New Albany.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, 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 identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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