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SWIM COACH CHARGED WITH EIGHT MORE CHILD PORNOGRAPHY OFFENSES

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that BRIAN D. HINDSON, 40, of Westfield, was charged today with an additional eight counts of allegedly producing child pornography between 1998 and 2007. These new charges raise the total number of charges against HINDSON to sixteen felony counts for alleging producing, distributing and possessing child pornography.

The charges are the result of a joint investigation by the Kokomo Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigations, with additional assistance from the Westfield Police Department, the Carmel Police Department, the Special Investigations Section of the Indiana State Police, and the Fishers Police Department. These law enforcement agencies are activity involved in the operations involving the Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the Hamilton County Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. This investigation is also part of the Project Safe Childhood Initiative with joint participation by the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office and the United States Attorney's Office in the Southern District of Indiana.

HINDSON previously worked as the Head Coach/CEO of Central Indiana Aquatics, the Head Coach of Kokomo High School Swimming & Diving, and as a Coaches Representative for Indiana Swimming Inc.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Steven D. DeBrotta and Trial Attorney Bonnie L. Kane of the United States Department of Justice, Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, the newly filed charges allege that on eight different occasions, HINDSON used a minor to produce child pornography. This raises the total number of minor victims in the case to eleven, as HINDSON was already charged with allegedly victimizing three other minors in the Indictment previously returned by the federal grand jury. However, in keeping with federal laws protecting minor victims, none of these victims were identified by name in the charging documents, but were instead only referred to through pseudonyms.

In other pleadings filed today, HINDSON notified the district court that he intends to plead guilty to all sixteen charges under a plea agreement with the government. If the agreement is accepted by the Court, HINDSON would receive a sentence of imprisonment of between 25 and 35 years, followed by a lifetime of supervised release with restrictive conditions. If the agreement is not accepted by the Court, the defendant's plea of not guilty may be reinstated. A plea hearing will be scheduled.

HINDSON is currently being held in the Marion County Jail pending resolution of the case.

For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit <http://www.projectsafchildhood.gov>.

The information 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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