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JACKSONVILLE MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT TO INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Jacksonville, FL - U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neill, Michael J. Folmar, Special Agent in Charge of the Jacksonville Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and Bill McCollum, Florida Attorney General, announced today that Kevin Patrick Boody pled guilty in U.S. District Court to a charge of interstate transportation of child pornography. Boody, age 41, and a resident of Jacksonville, is currently in custody after being indicted by a federal grand jury in 2007. At sentencing, Boody will face a maximum penalty of not less than 15 years' imprisonment and up to 40 years' imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

According to court documents, Boody was convicted of sexual abuse of minor in Maine in 2000. In 2007, Boody was contacted by agents with the FBI and Florida Attorney General's Office and admitted that he had sent images of child pornography to other individuals, including an undercover FBI agent, over the Internet. Boody also stated that he had been downloading child pornography from the Internet onto his computer and trading child pornography online since the early 1990s. A subsequent search and forensic analysis of his computers and other electronic storage media conducted by the FBI revealed that Boody had downloaded and collected over 9,000 images and approximately 200 videos depicting child pornography.

Assistant United States Attorney D. Rodney Brown is handling the prosecution of this case. The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Child

Predator CyberCrime Unit of the State of Florida Attorney General's Office.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a national initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorney's 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 on Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

The Florida Attorney General's Child Predator CyberCrime Unit is a member of the FBI Cyber Taskforce in Jacksonville and the North Florida Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, a federally funded program working nationwide to educate and support law enforcement to stop these crimes.