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## **FEDS CHARGE SEX OFFENDER FOR MOVING TO GEORGIA AND FAILING TO REGISTER**

### ***Convicted Child Molester First Person Prosecuted in Metro Atlanta Area After "Adam Walsh Act of 2006"***

Atlanta, GA - JIMMY JOEL BEASLEY, 47, of DeKalb County, Georgia, and Pascagoula, Mississippi, made his initial appearance before a federal magistrate today after having been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of failing to register as a sex offender. BEASLEY entered a not guilty plea to the indictment, and was ordered detained pending trial. A trial date has not been set.

"Congress passed the Adam Walsh Act of 2006 to make it a federal crime for a convicted sex offender to travel to another state but fail to register in that state," said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. "The law gives the community and its law enforcement fair warning of the presence of a convicted sex offender, like this defendant, who can no longer roam the country to escape attention."

According to Nahmias and the indictment and the documents and information presented in court: BEASLEY was indicted by a federal grand jury on April 10, 2007. BEASLEY had been convicted in 1985 of molesting children in Mississippi. He was required to register as a sex offender, and to maintain that registration wherever he lived. The Adam Walsh Act gave federal courts jurisdiction to prosecute convicted sex offenders who travel from state to state and fail to register, or maintain their registration, in each state as required. BEASLEY moved to Georgia in January of 2007 and failed to register as a sex offender.

BEASLEY faces a maximum sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

Members of the public are reminded that the indictment only contains charges. The defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government's burden to prove the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

This case is being investigated by Special Agents of the United States Marshals Service.

Assistant United States Attorney Francey Hakes is prosecuting the case.

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