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JULINGTON CREEK MAN SENTENCED TO 4 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND FORFEITS HIS RESIDENCE

Jacksonville, FL - U.S. District Judge Henry Lee Adams, Jr. yesterday sentenced Darrell Mark Krause, age 42 and a resident of Jacksonville (Julington Creek), to 4 years in prison and a 10 year term of supervised release for possession of child pornography. The Court ordered forfeiture of Krause's Julington Creek residence to the United States, as it facilitated his commission of the offense. Krause was also ordered to pay \$3,220 in restitution to one of the victims depicted in the images of child pornography. Krause pled guilty to the charge of possession of child pornography by computer on August 14, 2007.

According to court documents, on March 7, 2007, agents with the Florida Attorney General's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation executed a federal search warrant at Krause's residence located at 292 Maplewood Drive in Julington Creek. During the search, agents recovered a computer and three external hard disk drives from the residence. Subsequent forensic analysis of these items revealed that they contained approximately 17,100 digital photographs and 1,400 videos depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. According to his plea agreement, Krause admitted that he searched for child pornography on the Internet. As part of his plea agreement, Krause agreed to forfeit his Julington Creek residence, which is valued at approximately \$280,000.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, the Department of

Justice 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.

This case was investigated by the Child Predator CyberCrime Unit of the State of Florida Attorney General's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney D. Rodney Brown.