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**FORMER TEACHER AT PRIVATE SCHOOL IN PINELLAS COUNTY
SENTENCED FOR RECEIPT OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Tampa, FL - United States District Judge Susan C. Bucklew today sentenced WERNER BLOCH, age 41 of Palm Harbor, Florida, to a sentence of six years' imprisonment, to be followed by a life term of supervised release. BLOCH pleaded guilty on March 14, 2008 to one count of receipt of child pornography.

According to the criminal information and testimony in court, agents of the United States Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement discovered that BLOCH had subscribed to a website which featured images of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct. At the time, BLOCH was working as a teacher at Admiral Farragut Academy in Pinellas County, Florida. During the execution of a search warrant at BLOCH's home on July 16, 2007, agents discovered that he was in possession, on his computer, of numerous images of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

The case was investigated by agents of the United States Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jay L. Hoffer of the Tampa Division.