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**FORMER DCF SPOKESMAN ARRESTED ON FEDERAL  
CHARGES OF PRODUCTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Tampa, FL - U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announced today the arrest of Albert Andre Zimmerman, age 41, formerly of Tallahassee, now residing in Lakeland, Florida, on charges of production of child pornography. Zimmerman was arrested this afternoon on a complaint. If convicted, he faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years of imprisonment up to thirty years' imprisonment. Zimmerman is scheduled to make his first appearance in federal court in Tampa this afternoon before Judge Mark A. Pizzo.

\_\_\_\_\_ According to the complaint, Zimmerman allegedly took sexually explicit photographs and videos of two juvenile males age 16. The alleged incidents took place in 2006 and 2007. Both of the juveniles were paid in cash or money orders by Zimmerman for the pictures. Zimmerman sent emails to one victim and discussed the production of child pornography, how the photographs would be brokered in Germany, and payment for photographs.

\_\_\_\_\_ This case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the Florida Attorney General's Office and the Tampa Police Department. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Colleen Murphy-Davis.

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 Attorneys 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](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

A complaint is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty.