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**GREEN COVE SPRINGS MAN PLEADS GUILTY
TO FEDERAL CHARGE OF RECEIPT OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Jacksonville, FL - U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neill and Michael J. Folmar, Special Agent in Charge of the Jacksonville Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), today announced that Vince Douglas Halliday pled guilty in U.S. District Court in Jacksonville to receiving child pornography by computer over the Internet. Halliday, age 40, of Green Cove Springs, has been in federal custody since September 7, 2007. Halliday faces a maximum penalty of not less than five years' imprisonment and up to 20 years' imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

According to court documents, a search of Halliday's residence conducted on September 7, 2007 by federal officers revealed, among other things, a laptop computer and several compact disks belonging to Halliday. Forensic analysis of the computer hard drive and the compact disks revealed at least 50 images and 12 videos depicting child pornography. This forensic analysis also showed that many of the images and videos of child pornography had been downloaded and received from the Internet.

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.projectsafecchildhood.gov.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney D. Rodney Brown.