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## **JACKSONVILLE MAN INDICTED AND ARRESTED ON FEDERAL CHARGE OF POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Jacksonville, FL - U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neill, Michael J. Folmar, Special Agent in Charge of the Jacksonville Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and Bill McCollum, Florida Attorney General, announce the return of a federal indictment against Andrew Paul Chopra charging him with possession of materials containing visual depictions of child pornography. Chopra, age 23, a resident of Jacksonville, was arrested at his residence on Tuesday, January 29, 2008. If convicted, Chopra faces a maximum penalty of up to 10 years' imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and a term of supervised release of at least five years.

The case was investigated by the Child Predator CyberCrime Unit of the State of Florida Attorney General's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorneys Kevin C. Frein and D. Rodney Brown are handling the prosecution of this case.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales 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](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

The Florida Attorney General's Child Predator CyberCrime Unit is a member of the North Florida Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, a federally funded task force working to educate and support law enforcement officers investigating these crimes, and the FBI Cyber Taskforce in Jacksonville.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of federal criminal law, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.