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ROCKFORD FEDERAL JURY FINDS LOVES PARK MAN GUILTY OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and THOMAS P. BRADY, Postal Inspector-in-Charge of the Chicago Office of the United States Postal Inspection Service, today made the following announcement:

Following a three-day trial, a federal jury in Rockford yesterday found **THOMAS J. BEAULIEU**, 45, of Loves Park, Illinois, guilty on charges of receiving and possessing child pornography which had traveled across state lines.

The trial related to two charges against Beaulieu, one charge of receiving sixteen DVDs which depicted child pornography, and one charge of possessing images, computer files and videos which depicted child pornography. The investigation of Beaulieu resulted from his order of child pornography from a U.S. Postal Inspector who was conducting an online, undercover investigation. Beaulieu sent two hundred dollars to the undercover Postal Inspector to purchase 16 DVDs of child pornography. Beaulieu was arrested in Belvidere when he accepted the DVDs from another undercover Postal Inspector. After his arrest, a search of his apartment resulted in the discovery and seizure of hundreds of images of child pornography on multiple digital media such as thumb drives and zip disks.

Sentencing for Beaulieu has been scheduled for April 18, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. Beaulieu faces a minimum sentence of five years in prison and a maximum potential sentence of up to 20 years in prison, without parole, as well as a fine of up to \$500,000. The actual sentence will be determined by United States District Court Judge Frederick J. Kapala, guided by the United States Sentencing Guidelines.

The case was investigated by the Chicago office of the United States Postal Inspection Service, assisted by the Boone County Sheriff's Department. The case is being prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney Michael D. Love and Mark T. Karner.

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