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FORMER DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EMPLOYEE PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF CHILD PORN

Baltimore - Maryland. Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that today Jose Medina Jr., age 41, of Aberdeen, Maryland, pled guilty before U.S. District Court Judge William D. Quarles, Jr. to Count Two of the September 1, 2004 indictment charging him with possession of materials depicting a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

According to an agreed statement of facts presented to the court, as of January 2004, Medina worked as an Information Security Manager with the Department of Defense Civilian Personnel Management Service, Information Systems Division, Defense Logistics Agency in Alexandria, Virginia. On January 16, 2004 a search warrant executed at Medina's residence resulted in the seizure of several computers, including a laptop computer issued to Medina through his government employment. The examination of that laptop computer revealed that Medina had stored more than 10 pictures and movie images of underage persons engaged in sexually explicit conduct, including at least one image of a victim known to be under the age of twelve. Medina had also stored in the

computer at least one still image of a prepubescent female in bondage and a video of a prepubescent female in various stages of bondage.

Medina left his position with the Department of Defense Civilian Personnel Management Service on August 27, 2004.

Medina faces a maximum sentence of ten years' imprisonment. Sentencing has been scheduled for March 17, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. Medina continues to be released pending sentencing.

The case was investigated by the Defense Criminal Investigative Service which is the criminal investigative arm of the OIG DoD, and the FBI Innocent Images Task Force. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bonnie S. Greenberg.