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SEX OFFENDER DOES NOT REGISTER AS A "SEX OFFENDER" AND IS SENTENCED TO JAIL AND SUPERVISION FOR LIFE

Convicted Sex Offender Was Working at a Carnival in DeKalb County

Atlanta, GA - JIMMY JOEL BEASLEY, 49, of Decatur, Georgia, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Timothy C. Batten, Sr. on a charge of failing to register as a sex offender as required by law.

"We will prosecute individuals who have been convicted of sexually exploiting children and then refuse to comply with federal law by registering so that law enforcement and the public can know where such potential predators live and work," said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias.

BEASLEY was sentenced to 2 years, 6 months in prison to be followed by supervised release for the rest of his life. There is no parole in the federal system. BEASLEY pleaded guilty to this charge on February 25, 2008.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: BEASLEY was first convicted of a sexual offense against a child in Blount, Tennessee in 1984, where he was convicted of Aggravated Sexual Battery. BEASLEY was also convicted in 1985 in Jackson County, Mississippi, of three counts of touching a child for lustful purposes. While the case was pending, BEASLEY admitted molesting 11 other boys, and he was sentenced to serve 15 years in prison. When he was released from prison in Mississippi, BEASLEY was required to register as a sex offender for life and was required to update his registration every 90 days. He was informed that he was required to comply with the registration requirements in any state in which he might live. He did maintain his sex offender registration in Mississippi until January 13, 2006, after which BEASLEY failed to update his registration, which led Mississippi authorities to issue a warrant for his arrest. On March 8, 2007, members of the United States Marshals Service's Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force found BEASLEY working at a carnival on the grounds of the North DeKalb Mall. He was also living there, and had been with the carnival in Georgia since January of 2007. BEASLEY had not registered as a sex offender in Georgia as required under the Adam Walsh Act of 2006.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, the Attorney General launched Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorney's Offices around the country, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafekidhood.gov.

This case was investigated by Deputy Marshals of the United States Marshals Service.

Assistant United States Attorney Francey Hakes prosecuted the case.

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