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### **NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - August 29, 2008**

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Lawrence Lester Nixon was sentenced today in federal court in San Diego based upon his conviction for one count of possession of child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B). United States District Court Judge William Q. Hayes sentenced Nixon to serve 41 months in custody and 5 years of supervised release following his release from prison and required Nixon to register as a sex offender. Nixon pled guilty on May 27, 2008.

According to the court records, Nixon admitted that on or about and between May 13, 2006 to August 6, 2007, he possessed a computer which contained over 600 images of minors, some as young as three or four years old, engaging in sexually explicit conduct with adults and each other.

At the time of his arrest, Nixon was employed with the County of San Diego in their digital photography department and was responsible for producing and maintaining evidence for forensic photography for court matters and investigations including cases involving child abuse and molestation.

This case stems from an investigation by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and assisted by the San Diego Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, whose members include the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the San Diego Police Department, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, the Chula Vista Police Department, the United States Attorney's Office, the San Diego District Attorney's Office, the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, the United States Marshals Service, the Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory, the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and the El Cajon Police Department.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. 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 about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

**DEFENDANT**

LAWRENCE LESTER NIXON

**SUMMARY OF CHARGES**

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B) (Possession of Child Pornography)

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Immigration and Customs Enforcement