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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - October 10, 2008

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Jon M. Bona 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 Irma E. Gonzalez sentenced Bona to serve 78 months in custody and five years of supervised release following his release from prison; Judge Gonzalez also required Bona to register as a sex offender. Bona pled guilty on May 1, 2008.

According to the court records, Bona admitted that on or about March 7, 2008, he possessed a computer which contained over 600 images of minors, some as young as infants, engaging in sexually explicit conduct with adults and each other. He was apprehended as part of a nationwide investigation of purchasers of child pornography led by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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 Immigration and

Customs Enforcement, the San Diego Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 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 Department of Justice 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

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 08cr1038-IEG

JON M. BONA

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