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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - January 22, 2009

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Shawn Dwight Godfrey pled guilty today in federal court in San Diego to an information charging him with one count of possession of child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B). Godfrey tendered his guilty plea before Magistrate Judge Ruben B. Brooks, subject to final acceptance of the plea by United States District Court Judge Larry Alan Burns, at the time of sentencing.

According to the court records, Godfrey admitted that on or about July 25, 2008, he possessed a computer and computer media which he knew contained over 600 images of minors, including images of minors as young as eleven years old engaged in sexual conduct with adults.

At the time of his arrest, Godfrey was a federal police officer employed by the Department of Defense, stationed at 32nd Street Naval Base. Godfrey is in custody.

Sentencing for Godfrey is scheduled for April 6, 2009 at 9:30 a.m., before Judge Burns.

This case stems from an investigation 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 combat the growing epidemic of child exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), 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: 08cr3860-LAB

SHAWN DWIGHT GODFREY

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

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

Maximum Penalties: 10 years' incarceration, \$250,000 fine, a minimum of 5 years and up to a lifetime of supervised release and registration as a sex offender.

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