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GREENSBURG MAN CHARGED WITH PRODUCING AND POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, AND POSSESSING FIREARMS

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that DANNY SHELTON, 56, Greensburg, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for producing child pornography (three counts), possessing child pornography, and being a felon in possession of a firearm, following an investigation by the Greensburg Police Department, Indiana State Police, and Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The indictment alleges that SHELTON produced numerous images of child pornography involving a minor child, Jane Doe, on three occasions between January and July 2007. The images were described with different settings indicating he took the pictures at different times. The count of possession alleges that SHELTON possessed the same images he produced on a computer hard drive and a compact disk. Further, SHELTON allegedly possessed two firearms unlawfully because he had been previously convicted of felony counts of robbery in 1973 in Virginia, and attempted murder in 1976 out of Ohio.

This case emerged out of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices, 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 http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who is prosecuting the case for the government, SHELTON faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 100 years and a maximum

possible fine of \$250,000 for each count. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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