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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that Theodore L. Hodson, III, age 50, of Chesterfield, Virginia, pled guilty today to three counts of sexual abuse. Hodson will face a maximum penalty of 20 years imprisonment per count when he is sentenced September 23, 2005, by the Honorable Henry E. Hudson, United States District Judge.

Hodson was a bone density technician at the McGuire Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia. In documents filed with the Court, Hodson admitted to sexually abusing minors on at least three occasions. Hodson admitted to sexually abusing a minor on the grounds of the McGuire Medical Center, and to performing an unlicensed physical exam of a second minor. In addition, Hodson admitted that on one occasion he lured a third minor to the McGuire Medical Center, under the guise of conducting cancer research, and thereafter performed numerous nude bone density scans of the minor, all of which were medically unnecessary.

Mr. McNulty stated: "This case is particularly troubling because of the defendant's depraved acts perpetrated on young children, and because he gained their confidence by holding himself out as a medical health care provider. We will use every tool at our disposal to protect innocent children from sexual predators."

Also announcing the plea are Bruce Sackman, Special Agent-In-Charge, Northeast Field Office, Criminal Investigations Division, Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General; Chief Lorenzo Doles, Department of Veterans Affairs Police; Jane P. Murphy, Special Agent-In-Charge, Secret Service, Richmond Field Office; Patrick J. Doyle, Special Agent in Charge of Investigations, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations; and Colonel Steven Flaherty, Superintendent of the Virginia State Police.

The case is being investigated by agents of the Criminal Investigations Division of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General; the Veterans Affairs Police; the United States Secret Service; the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations; and the Virginia State Police, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sara E. Flannery.

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