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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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KARTES, THOMAS EDWARD

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**NARRATIVE:**

1. This case was initiated based on information derived from DCIS Project: Operation Flicker (Case Control Number 200701199X). As background, ICE initiated an investigation into a criminal organization operating a commercial child pornography website known as "Home Collection." The investigation revealed "Home Collection" was operating numerous commercial child pornography websites. In addition, the organization utilized various PayPal accounts to process the payments for access to the member restricted websites.
2. This criminal organization utilized a specific and identifiable payment website known as "iWest." The information developed during the course of the investigation identified that the organization (1) used various PayPal accounts to facilitate the customer payments; (2) used specific subject identifiers within the PayPal accounts to identify purchases into the various member restricted websites; and (3) used specific administrative e-mail accounts that were used to distribute access to the member restricted websites.
3. [REDACTED] utilized information contained within the DoD Employee Interactive Data System (DEIDS) and the Joint Personnel Adjudication Systems (JPAS) to identify DoD employees who subscribed to the websites. Among those identified was Thomas Edward Kartes, Major (O-4), with the U.S. Army Reserve, [REDACTED]. A query of JPAS revealed Kartes was on active duty [REDACTED].
4. On July 11, 2007, agents from the DCIS, ICE, and the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) executed a search warrant on Kartes's residence located at [REDACTED].
5. Concurrent to the execution of the search warrant, ICE [REDACTED] and FCPD [REDACTED] conducted a non-custodial interview of Kartes regarding his subscription to commercial child pornography websites. Kartes admitted to the subscribing to commercial child pornography sites and possessing child pornography images on his computers. Based on his admissions, Kartes was arrested and charged with violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 2252A, attempted receipt of child pornography.
6. On August 29, 2007, Kartes pled guilty to a single count of attempted receipt of child pornography, a violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 2252A.
7. On December 19, 2007, Kartes was sentenced to 60 months incarceration, 120 months supervised release, \$3,000 fine and a \$100 special assessment, for the attempted receipt of child pornography, a violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 2252A.
8. No fraud vulnerabilities were discovered during the course of this investigation. DCIS will take no further criminal, civil, or administrative actions on this matter. This case is closed as "finished."

**IDENTITY OF SUBJECTS:**

Name : Kartes, Thomas Edward  
 Alias : None  
 Social Security Number : ██████████  
 Date/Place of Birth : ██████████ ██████████ ██████████  
 Race : ██████████  
 Sex : ██████████  
 Height : ██████████  
 Weight : ██████████  
 Hair : ██████████  
 Eyes : ██████████  
 Residence : ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████  
 Employment/Occupation : Major (O-4), U.S. Army Reserve  
 Telephone Number : ██████████  
 Driver's License Number : ██████████  
 and Issuing State : ██████████  
 Education : ██████████

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