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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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GRANT, GARY DOUGLASS

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NARRATIVE

- 1. On July 18, 2007, DCIS Arlington Resident Agency, referred identifying information for sixteen persons with ties to the Department of Defense (DoD) who are in the DCIS Mission Viejo Resident Agency (MVRA) area of responsibility (AOR) and are suspected of involvement in child pornography. Initially received the information from Assistant United States Attorney Gerald Smagala, United States Attorney's Office (USAO), Eastern District of Virginia. The persons identified are active and retired military members, DoD civilians and DoD contractor employees, several of whom have Top Secret or higher clearances and all of whom used ".mil" e-mail addresses to register for access to child pornography websites.
- 2. In April 2006, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement/Cyber Crimes Center/Child Exploitation Section (ICE/C3/CES) initiated an investigation into a criminal organization operating a commercial child pornography website known as "Home Collection." The investigation revealed that the same organization is operating numerous commercial child pornography websites. In addition, the organization utilizes various PayPal accounts to process the payments for access to the member restricted websites. The investigation was worked jointly with ICE/C3/CES, ICE/Birmingham, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the U.S. Department of Justice/Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, and the USAO for the Northern District of Alabama. ICE designated this operation as Project Flicker.
- 3. ICE/C3/CES conducted over 60 undercover transactions at the advertising websites associated with this investigation. The investigation determined that a specific criminal organization operated approximately 18 commercial child pornography portal websites which provided access to approximately 18 child pornography member-restricted websites, using a specific and identifiable payment website known as "iWest." The investigation identified that the criminal 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 are used to distribute access to the member restricted websites.
- 4. Project Flicker data was sorted to identify individuals who used their .mil e-mail address, Fleet Post Office, or Army Post Office military zip codes to register for the PayPal service to access the child pornography websites. Gary Grant, Captain, U.S. Army Reserves was one of the individuals identified from this data. Grant is a JAG assigned to the Judge Advocate detachment at the Los Alamitos Army Reserve Base, Los Alamitos, CA.
- 5. On August 28, 2007, a search warrant was conducted at Grant's residence. The investigation revealed that Grant sent, through the Internet, an image depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct as set forth in California Penal Code Section 311.4(d)(1). Specifically, on October 6, 2006, Grant sent America Online users "and" an email with image "YGP5A9.jpg". Image "YGP5A9.jpg" depicts a nude minor female leaning back in the sand and facing the viewer. The minor female has her left leg bent and is exposing her genitals.

- 6. On August 5, 2008, Grant was arrested pursuant to a State of California warrant. The arrest occurred at Grant's residence located at 55 Bluff Cove Drive, Aliso Viejo, CA, 92656. Also participating with DCIS in the arrest were Special Agents from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and investigators with the Orange County, CA Sheriff's Department. Grant was arrested for three counts of California Penal Code 311.11(a), possession of obscene matter of a minor in a sexual act (Refer to Exhibit 1).
- 7. On April 8, 2009, Grant pled guilty in Superior Court of California, County of Orange, to possession of obscene matter of a minor in a sexual act, California Penal Code 311.11(a). Grant was sentenced to 90 days confinement and three years probation (Refer to Exhibit's 2 & 3).
- 8. In light of the successful prosecution of Grant, this investigation is considered formally closed. The DCIS, Mission Viejo Resident Agency, will devote no further resources to the matter. This case was conducted jointly with the ICE, Santa Ana, CA. The Orange County District Attorney's Office, handled the criminal prosecution.
- 9. No operational readiness or safety issues were identified during the investigation, and no systemic weaknesses were revealed. Therefore, no Fraud Vulnerability Report will be generated.

IDENTITY OF SUBJECT

IDENTIFYING DATA

NAME

Gary Douglass Grant Gary Dougalss Grant; Gary Dougals Grant **ALIAS**

August 21, 1957 **DOB**

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HEIGHT 68" 170 lbs. WEIGHT HAIR Brown

EYES Blue **ADDRESS**

PHONE

DRIVERS LICENSE # STATUS Unknown

OCCUPATION Lawyer

EXHIBITS

- 1. DCIS Form 1, "Arrest Report," dated August 5, 2008, with attachments.
- 2. DCIS Form 1, "Significant Incident-Guilty Plea & Sentencing," dated April 27, 2009, with attachment.
- 3. DCIS Form 1, "People Vs Grant Minute Order," dated November 11, 2009, with attachment.

Prepared by Special Agent Mission Viejo Resident Agency
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