

U.S. Attorney's Office Southern District of Illinois

A. Courtney Cox, U.S. Attorney
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A Message from the U.S. Attorney

I attended the Project Safe Childhood conference in Columbus, Ohio, during the week of September 22. Mike Andrews, an investigator with the Benton Police Department, also attended the conference. The information we learned in our classes was a real eye-opener. It was encouraging to see approximately 40 U.S. Attorneys in attendance along with Attorney General Michael Mukasey and other USDOJ officials. In addition, there were hundreds of members of law enforcement receiving training in forensics and other topics essential to the battle against online child exploitation.

Our office remains committed to fighting this battle on two fronts: vigorous prosecution of offenders and education of parents and children regarding the dangers of improper use of the internet. Our efforts regarding education were recently enhanced by the passage of a law in Illinois which will require internet safety education on a yearly basis for students in grade 3 and up. This program will begin with the next school year. While I applaud the passage of this law as a step in the right direction, we must not consider it a complete answer to the problem. Parents must also be educated and

provided with the information and tools to help them protect their children.

We are currently active in presenting programs to parents about internet safety and what they can do to help. I encourage you and your agencies to join us in this effort. If you want to help by presenting programs to parents, teachers, students and other people in your community, please let me know. I will help you obtain the resources you need.

I encourage you to attend the Cyber Crime Awareness Conference at John A. Logan College on October 15, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. [See http://www.jalc.edu/cbi/cybercrime_conf_08/index.html for more information.] Topics for this conference include sex offender registration, identity theft, cyberbullying, online business safety and internet safety. You must register by October 8 at www.jalc.edu/cbi or call 618-985-2828, ext. 8510.

I hope to see you there.

A. Courtney Cox

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LECC Activities Completed

We requested and received a \$4,500 grant to provide a 16-hour program on Prisoner Control, Search and Transportation Techniques. The class was held in the training room at the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department on September 15-16, 2008.

We also requested and received a \$6,000 grant to provide a 40-hour Emergency Response/Tactical Operation Training program for 20 officers and deputies from the Belleville Police Department and St. Clair County Sheriff's Department. The program was held from September 22-26, 2008. LECC Coordinator Ron Shownes made the opening remarks.



Participants from St. Clair County Sheriff's Department and Belleville Police Department at First Responder Training

The United States Attorney's Office requested and received a \$5,500 grant to provide gang training, to assist the officers and agents working with gangs and at-risk youth, in identifying gang members, tactics for gang suppression, understanding gangs in schools, and case preparation on gang members for courtroom success. The program was held on September 29-30, 2008, at the Illinois State Police Training Room in Collinsville. United States Attorney Courtney Cox made the opening remarks for the session.

All of these programs were done in partnership with the Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission.

On September 24, 2008, the United States Attorney's Office LECC in partnership with the Troy Police Department conducted a Preventing Identity Theft and Fraud program. Agents from the Internal Revenue Service, United States Postal Inspection Service, Illinois Attorney General's Office, First Bank, the Illinois Department of Aging, and the United States Attorney's Office made presentations to over 60 citizens.



Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation
Special Agent Kim Singer



United States Postal Inspection Service Special
Agent Dan Taylor

LECC Activities Planned

October 7, 2008: The Winning Edge Mental Preparation for Violent Encounters. Grace Church, Fairview Heights, Illinois.

October 9, 2008: Illinois and Missouri Railroad Association presents training on hidden compartments and dangerous weapons. AMVETS Hall, 1711 Kennedy Drive, Madison, Illinois.

October 15, 2008: Southern Illinois Cyber Crime Awareness Conference. John A. Logan College Conference Center. Registration information is on page 1 of this newsletter.

October 24-25, 2008: 16-hour Advanced Computer Crimes for Law Enforcement. O'Fallon Police Department. ***

October 29-30, 2008: 16-hour Persuasive Skills for Law Enforcement. Collinsville Police Department. ***

November 7-9, 2008: Illinois Sheriffs' Zone Mini Training Conference. Carlinville, Illinois.

***You can register for these classes with the Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission by calling 618-277-1550.

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month

Department of Homeland Security's National Cyber Security Division (NCSA) is spearheading National Cyber Security Awareness Month, a comprehensive outreach campaign to empower all Americans and businesses to take steps to secure their part of cyberspace. During the month of October, events will take place across the country to raise awareness of the growing need to protect the Nation's critical infrastructures and key resources from cyber threats and vulnerabilities. Cybercrime has significant economic impacts and threatens U.S. National Security Interests. Various studies and experts estimate the direct economic impact from cybercrime to be in the billions of dollars annually. The annual loss due to computer crime was estimated to be \$67.2 billion for U.S. organizations, according to a 2005 Federal Bureau of Investigation survey. The month's activities include press and media events, educational workshops, *state cyber exercises*, and lectures hosted by public and private partners, proclamations by state governors, and other stakeholder outreach activities. For additional information, including ten actions you can take to improve cyber security in your organization and community, please view the following document.

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October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month

For the fifth year, the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) National Cyber Security Division (NCSA) is spearheading National Cyber Security Awareness Month, a comprehensive outreach campaign to empower all Americans and businesses to take steps to secure their part of cyberspace. During the month of October, events will take place across the country to raise awareness of the growing need to protect the Nation's critical infrastructures and key resources from cyber threats and vulnerabilities.

NCSA is partnering with the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA) and the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC), along with other government agencies and the private sector. The month's activities include press and media events, educational workshops, state cyber exercises, and lectures hosted by public and private partners, proclamations by state governors, and other stakeholder outreach activities. Cyber Security is our shared responsibility. Below are 10 actions you can take to improve cyber security in your organization and community:

1. Use strong passwords at work and at home. Update your password frequently and encourage others to do the same.
2. Make sure that your anti-virus software and firewalls are up-to-date. New threats are discovered everyday and keeping your software and firewalls updated is one of the easiest ways to protect yourself from an attack. Set your computer to automatically update for you.
3. Hold an event at your local school or college campus designed to increase student and staff cyber security education and awareness. Download EDUCAUSE's cyber resource kit online at www.educause.edu.
4. Reach out to people that you know – your children, co-workers, friends – about good online safety and security habits, including protecting their personal information and their reputation. For more information and tips go to www.staysafeonline.org and www.us-cert.gov.
5. Print cyber security posters from www.OnGuardOnline.gov and post them in work-rooms, hallways, bathrooms and other employee gathering places. Print and post cyber security tips near your computer at home and at work. Review them with your colleagues, classmates, employees and family members.
6. Create a separate section for cyber security tips on your organization's web site. Download online buttons and banners about phishing, identity theft, file-sharing, and other cyber security topics at www.msisac.org or www.OnGuardOnline.gov and place on your organization's home page.

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month, continued

7. Use regular communications – newsletters, email alerts, websites, etc. – as an opportunity to promote your commitment to cyber security. Some newsletter topics to consider include: updating software processes; protecting personal identifiable information; and securing your wireless network.
8. Subscribe to the National Cyber Alert System from the US Computer Emergency Readiness Team at www.us-cert.gov. Through the Alert System, you can receive timely information about current cyber security problems to protect home and office computers. This information includes weekly bulletins with summaries of new vulnerabilities, patch information when available, and tips on common security topics, such as privacy, email spam, and wireless protection.
9. Back up important files. If you have important files stored on your computer, copy them onto a removable disc, and store it in a safe place.
10. Ask IT security specialists at your workplace to report any potential cyber incident, threat, or attack to the United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) at 1-888-282-0870 or US-CERT.gov.

Cyber security is our shared responsibility. Visit the Cyber Security Page at www.llis.gov and read more about cyber security plans, exercises, training and various DHS cyber programs. Share your experiences with the homeland security community by uploading your cyber lessons learned and materials.

EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI GOLF TOURNAMENT



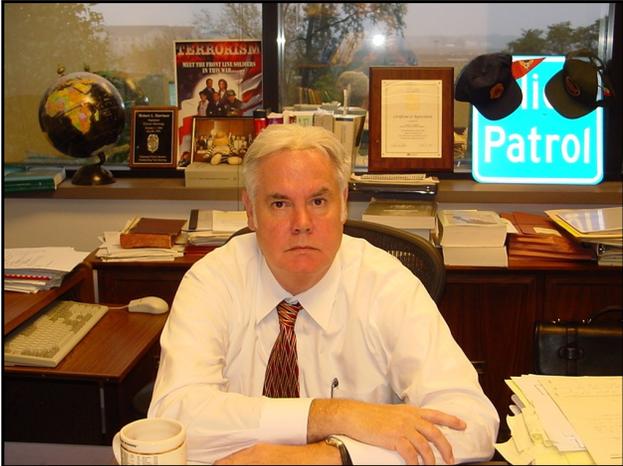
Second-place team from left to right: SDIL Intelligence Specialist Mario Jimenez; Major Jim Lay, St. Clair County Sheriff's Department; Lt. Ted Beatty, Southwestern Illinois College Department of Public Safety; and SDIL LECC Coordinator Ron Shownes.



Third-place team from left to right: SDIL Victim-Witness Coordinator Julie Swanston, Christina Moore (EDMO Civil Division), Julie Wright (EDMO Civil Division) and her husband John Wright.

2008 USAO AWARDS

ATAC AWARD



AUSA Bob Garrison received an award for his outstanding service as ATAC from February 2004 through June 2008. Garrison is currently active in the OCDEF unit.

DEA AWARD



AUSAS Bob Garrison and Jennifer Hudson and Legal Assistant Maria Lanciault received a special award from DEA. The award was presented to them by Scott Collier of the DEA office in St. Louis. (Pictured from left to right: Maria Lanciault, Jennifer Hudson, Scott Collier, and Bob Garrison.)

CIVIL DIVISION OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD



AUSA Gerald Burke and paralegal Donna Gerdes received Outstanding Service Awards for their outstanding work in three cases: Kinder Morgan, Hal Hicks and Mercy Regional Ambulance. Both Burke and Gerdes put in a great deal of extra effort in handling all of these cases and in each instance obtained wonderful results.

2008 USAO AWARDS, continued

CRIMINAL DIVISION OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS

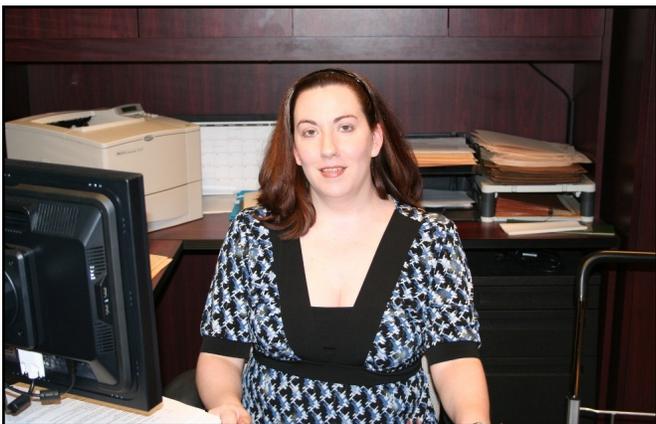


Legal Assistant Jamie Littlefair received an Outstanding Service Award for her assistance to AUSA George Norwood in eight trials since August 2007 as the primary legal assistant. She also participated in at least two others trials during that time period. Her assistance was invaluable in these trials.

AUSA DeeDee Durborow received an Outstanding Service Award for her excellent work in the case of *U.S. v. Fuller, Thomas, Bailey, Brown, and Brown*. This case involved an armed robbery of the Granite City Steel Credit Union. (Photo unavailable)



Legal Assistant Audrey Brazier received an Outstanding Service Award for showing initiative and creativity in resolving many technical issues in the White Collar Crime Unit, which has greatly enhanced the efforts of that unit. Her innovations have saved numerous hours of extra work for the AUSAs she serves.



Legal Assistant Traci Colvis received an Outstanding Service Award for the remarkable work that she has done in organizing and facilitating the office's response to the "crack" cocaine resentencing issues. In addition to tracking and reporting the "crack" cases, Traci worked closely with United States Probation and the Federal Public Defender's Office to obtain the necessary documentation regarding all the motions from the East St. Louis Division.

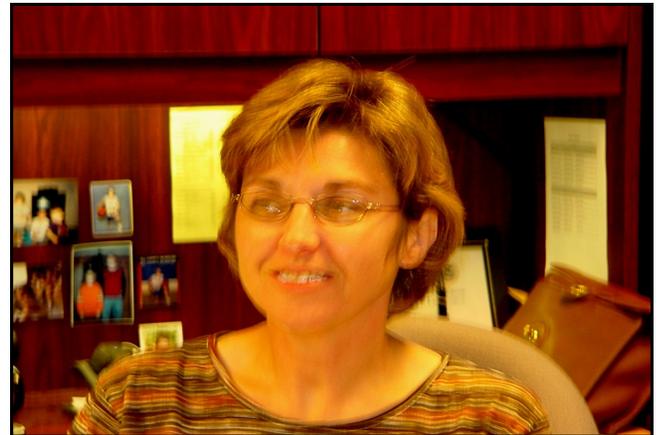
AUSA Bruce Reppert received an Outstanding Service Award for his prosecution of various Canadian telemarketers which resulted in the conviction and sentencing of these telemarketers. This has resulted in a benefit not only to our District but to our citizens on a national level. (Photo unavailable)

CRIMINAL DIVISION OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS, continued



AUSAs Don Boyce and Nicole Gorovsky received Outstanding Service Awards for their work in the case of *U.S. v. Warren D. Harbison*, a case involving transporting a minor in interstate commerce for illegal sex. Harbison is now serving a 235-month term of imprisonment.

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS



As members of the IT staff, Jim Agnes and Joyce Voss received Outstanding Service Awards for tackling and resolving IT issues on a daily basis while at the same time handling extra assignments, including installation of new printers throughout the office, in an efficient manner.



First Assistant Randy Massey received an Outstanding Service Award for his serving with distinction as acting United States Attorney and later in dual roles as FAUSA and Criminal Chief until the recent appointment of George Norwood as Criminal Chief. He has also greatly assisted the office in its preparation for the upcoming EARS evaluation.

RECENT NOTEWORTHY CASES

EMBEZZLEMENT

On September 10, 2008, a former Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) employee of 25 years, [KAREN LOUISE STROHMIER](#), 53, of Centreville, Virginia, pled guilty to embezzlement, a federal felony, and was sentenced to three years' probation, the first six months to be served in "home confinement" with electronic monitoring, and ordered to make full restitution to the United States.

On December 26, 2007, an information was filed in the United States District Court alleging that **STROHMIER**, while acting as an administrative officer in the FBI's Indianapolis office, stole \$22,425 in money orders which belonged to the United States Department of Justice and had come into her possession by virtue of her job as administrative officer.

According to a stipulation of facts filed at her plea, **STROHMIER** occupied an administrative position with the FBI's Indianapolis office, and in that capacity obtained money orders to pay for FBI expenses so that investigations would not be revealed to the public. She admitted that she converted money orders, which should have been used by her to pay FBI bills, by depositing the money orders into her bank account or cashing them and keeping the money rather than delivering the money orders to the vendors. To cover up her scheme, she copied the money orders she obtained and attached the copies to the invoices kept by the FBI. Since the copied money orders did not reflect that she had deposited some of them into her own account or cashed them, her scheme was not detected because the FBI records showed that a bill had been paid in full by the FBI when in fact it had not. So as not to be caught, **STROHMIER** used this scheme on vendors who,

when they did not receive payment for a previous bill, simply re-billed. Those re-billings would then be handled by the defendant as if they were new bills, and the defendant would obtain new money orders from the FBI and pay them in full, once again attaching the receipts for the money orders obtained by her.

After the defendant was transferred to Washington, a vendor who had billed the FBI in Indianapolis and had not been paid, complained to the FBI. When told that the records indicated payment had been made, the vendor was adamant that no payment had been made. Agents from the FBI determined the defendant had deposited money orders into her own account relating to this vendor and notified the Inspector General's office of their findings. Investigation by the Inspector General has revealed that \$22,475 in money orders, listed in the information, were deposited into the defendant's account without authorization from the FBI. **STROHMIER**, who confessed and agreed to repay the FBI, admitted that she had stolen \$86,025. She repaid \$50,000 of the \$86,025 to the clerk of the court at the sentencing hearing and was ordered to pay the remainder as part of her sentence.

The investigation was conducted by the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of Justice. The United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Indiana recused itself, and the Attorney General appointed Assistant United States Attorneys Michael Carr and James Cutchin from the United States Attorney's office in the Southern District of Illinois to handle the prosecution.

Recent Noteworthy Cases, continued

FIREARMS/COCAINE

On September 11, 2008, [DAVID E. FIELDS](#), age 28, of Centreville, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in Benton for unlawful possession of a firearm by a previously convicted felon and possession with the intent to distribute crack cocaine. **FIELDS** pled guilty to the offenses on June 9, 2008. **FIELDS** was sentenced to 120 months of imprisonment on each count, to run concurrently; a total of eight years' supervised release; fined \$200; and ordered to pay a \$200 special assessment.

At the time of the guilty plea, the parties stipulated that East St. Louis, Illinois, police officers responding to a "shots fired" call at the John DeShields Housing Projects, spotted **FIELDS** sitting in a car that matched the description of the car being driven by the shooter. The officers also noted that **FIELDS** matched the description of the shooter. As **FIELDS** exited the vehicle, one of the responding officers saw a rifle in the back seat of the car. **FIELDS** was arrested and searched. A bag of "crack" cocaine was recovered from **FIELDS'** person.

The investigation was conducted by the East St. Louis, Illinois, Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, in cooperation with the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office, as part of those agencies' participation in Project Safe Neighborhoods, a nation-wide initiative intended to combat gun and drug crimes.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Angela Scott.

On September 12, 2008, [JIMMIE L. DAVIS](#), age 56, of Belleville, Illinois, pled guilty to possession with the intent to distribute in excess

of five grams of crack cocaine.

The offense charged carries with it a penalty of a term of imprisonment of not less than five years up to forty years' imprisonment, a fine of not more than \$2 million dollars, or both, and a term of supervised release of at least four years. Sentencing is scheduled for December 19, 2008, in East St. Louis, Illinois.

The investigation was conducted by the Belleville, Illinois, Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration, in cooperation with the St. Clair County States Attorney's Office, as part of those agencies' participation in Project Safe Neighborhoods, a nation-wide initiative intended to combat gun and drug crimes.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Angela Scott.

On September 15, 2008, [LAMONT JOHNSON, a/k/a "L-Money,"](#) age 43, of St. Louis, Missouri, was sentenced in the United States District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, for conspiracy to distribute cocaine. **JOHNSON** pled guilty to the offense on May 29, 2008. **JOHNSON** was sentenced to 100 months of imprisonment; five years' supervised release; fined \$650; and ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment.

At the time of the guilty plea, **JOHNSON** admitted to taking part in an organization that imported cocaine from Mexico to the Metro-East. **JOHNSON** assisted in unloading approximately 15 kilograms of cocaine and distributing or attempting to distribute four kilograms of cocaine.

The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration under the auspices of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement

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Task Force.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ranley R. Killian.

ALTON POLICE OFFICER FOUND GUILTY BY JURY

MICKEY L. DOOLEY, age 48, of Alton, Illinois, was found guilty, following a seven-day jury trial in the United States District Court in East St. Louis. **DOOLEY** who was formerly a police officer in Alton, Illinois, and at one time served as that department's evidence custodian, was convicted of:

Counts 1 and 2: False statement to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which carries a maximum possible punishment of a term of imprisonment of up to five years, a fine of up to \$250,000, and up to three years' supervised release.

Count 3: Wire fraud involving the deprivation of right to honest services of the Alton police evidence custodian, which carries a maximum possible punishment of a term of imprisonment of up to twenty years, a fine of up to \$250,000, and up to three years' supervised release.

Count 4: Corruptly attempting to conceal an object, a laptop computer, with intent to impair its availability for use in an official proceeding, which carries a maximum possible punishment of a term of imprisonment of up to ten years, a fine of up to \$250,000, and up to three years' supervised release.

Count 5: Disposal of money that had been stolen from Olin Credit Union, which carries a maximum possible punishment of a term of imprisonment of up to ten years, a fine of up to \$250,000, and up to three years' supervised re-

lease.

Count 6: Disposal of money that had been stolen from U.S. Bank, which carries a maximum possible punishment of a term of imprisonment of up to ten years, a fine of up to \$250,000, and up to three years' supervised release.

Count 6: Misapplication of property under the care, custody and control of a local government that receives federal funds, which has a maximum possible punishment of a term of imprisonment of up to ten years, a fine of up to \$250,000, and up to three years' supervised release.

Count 7: Failure to file a 2006 United States individual income tax return, which carries a maximum possible punishment of a term of imprisonment of up to one year, a fine of up to \$100,000, and up to one year of supervised release.

Sentencing has been scheduled for December 8, 2008, in East St. Louis.

Evidence presented at trial established that **MICKEY L. DOOLEY**, in furtherance of a scheme to defraud the Alton Police Department and the citizens of the Southern District of Illinois, violated evidence and property management procedures, misappropriated evidence for personal gain, and thereby deprived the community out of the right to honest services of the evidence officer of the Alton Police Department to preserve the integrity of evidence being stored in connection with criminal investigations and prosecutions. Evidence was adduced at trial that **MICKEY L. DOOLEY** misappropriated funds being held as evidence in the Alton Police Department evidence vault, including money from two pending federal bank robbery prosecutions.

The investigation was conducted by the

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Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Illinois State Police, and the Internal Revenue Service/Criminal Investigations.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Norman R. Smith and Steven Weinhoeft.

MARIJUANA

On September 15, 2008, [PAUL ROBLES-DORADO](#), age 24, of Collinsville, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois. **ROBLES-DORADO**, who had previously pled guilty to a one-count indictment charging him with conspiracy to possess and distribute 100 kilograms or more of marijuana, was sentenced to 31 months' imprisonment, three years' supervised release, and was fined \$500.

The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration under the auspices of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert L. Garrison.

On September 29, 2008, [KERRY L. SMITH](#), age 37, of Carbondale, Illinois, pled guilty to a five-count superseding indictment charging him with conspiracy to distribute marijuana, engaging in an unlawful monetary transaction, concealment of material information from the Social Security Administration, and two counts of making a false statement. The offenses occurred between May 2001 and March 2007, in Jackson County, Illinois. **SMITH's** guilty plea also included provisions for the forfeiture of multiple residences, vehicles, United States currency, and certain personal property. The marijuana conspir-

acy offense carries a penalty of five to 40 years' imprisonment, a fine of up to \$2 million, and a term of four years' supervised release. The engaging in an unlawful monetary transaction offense carries a penalty of not more than ten years' imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a term of three years' supervised release. The concealment of material information from the Social Security Administration and making a false statement offenses each carries a penalty of not more than five years' imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a term of three years' supervised release.

The investigation is part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force operation and is being conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Division, Social Security Administration - Office of Inspector General, Murphysboro Police Department, United States Marshals Service and Drug Enforcement Administration. The Union County Sheriff's Office, Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, and Carbondale Police Department also participated in the investigation.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

On September 18, 2008, [JEFFREY L. CLAYTON](#), age 40, of Carterville, Illinois, pled guilty in the United States District Court in Benton to a two-count indictment charging him with receipt of child pornography (count 1) and possession of child pornography (count 2). The indictment alleged that the offenses were committed April 28, 2007, and May 25, 2007, respectively.

CLAYTON faces a term of imprisonment of between five and 20 years, a fine of up to

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\$250,000, and a term of supervised release to follow his incarceration of between five years and life on count 1. He faces up to ten years' imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a term of supervised release of between five years and life on count 2.

Sentencing is currently scheduled for December 18, 2008, at 10 a.m. at the United States District Courthouse in Benton.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Southern Illinois Cyber Crimes Task Force, the Illinois Attorney General's Office Crimes Against Children Task Force, and a number of state and local law enforcement agencies.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood, in which the United States Attorney's Office, in conjunction with federal and state law enforcement authorities, is actively investigating and prosecuting individuals who produce, distribute, or possess child pornography.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James M. Cutchin.

On September 17, 2008, [KRISTOPHER DENEIL McNEW](#), age 45, of Carrier Mills, Illinois, was named in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury sitting in East St. Louis, Illinois.

Count 1 of the indictment charges **McNEW** with receipt of child pornography and carries a potential penalty of from five to 20 years' imprisonment, a fine of up to a \$250,000, and from five years to lifetime supervised release to follow his incarceration. Count 2 of the indictment charges knowing possession of child pornography, and carries a potential penalty of up to

ten years' imprisonment, a fine of up to a \$250,000, and from five years to lifetime supervised release to follow his incarceration.

McNEW was arrested on September 3, 2008, following the execution of a search warrant at his residence by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Cyber Crimes Task Force. **McNEW** was initially charged in a complaint filed by the United States Attorney and was ordered detained without bond. He has been in the custody of the United States Marshal since that date.

McNEW was arraigned on the indictment on September 18, 2008, in the United States District Court in Benton. A jury trial date of November 24, 2008, at the United States District Courthouse in Benton was set. He was again ordered held without bond and was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal pending trial.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Southern Illinois Cyber Crimes Task Force, the Illinois Attorney General's Office Crimes Against Children Task Force, and a number of state and local law enforcement agencies. "My office's High Tech Crimes Bureau obtained information that led us to conduct this investigation. We eventually worked with the Southern Illinois Cybercrimes Task Force to obtain a search warrant and arrest Mr. **NcNew**," said Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan. "Protecting children from predators is an essential part of our Internet crimes work. We are pleased to have worked closely with the U.S. Attorney's Office in this child protection case."

According to United States Attorney Cox, "Protection of our children is one of the most important jobs law enforcement can perform for our communities and remains a priority of this

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Office. I am extremely gratified to see the cooperative effort of federal, state, and local authorities which resulted in this arrest and prosecution.”

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood, in which the United States Attorney’s Office, in conjunction with federal and state law enforcement authorities, is actively investigating and prosecuting individuals who produce, distribute, or possess child pornography. United States Attorney Cox attended the National PCS Conference to meet with Department of Justice officials and other representatives from around the country to formulate plans for enhancing this important initiative. As a further indication of the importance of the PSC initiative, the United States Attorney’s Office is joining with Verizon, GLOTELL Distribution, and John A. Logan College Conference Center to sponsor the Southern Illinois Cyber Crime Awareness Conference on October 15, 2008, which is designed for parents, educators, health care service providers, and law enforcement officers. Anyone interested in obtaining more information or registering for the conference should visit www.jalc.edu/cbi or call (618) 985-2828, ext. 8510.

Anyone with information concerning the use of the Internet for the purposes of possessing, producing, or trafficking in child pornography is encouraged to contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation or his/her local police department.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James M. Cutchin.

On September 18, 2008, [GERALD EDWARD WELLS](#), age 49, of Harrisburg, Illinois, pled guilty in the United States District Court in Benton to a two-count indictment charging him with

receipt of child pornography (count 1) and possession of child pornography (count 2). The indictment alleged that the offenses were committed December 20, 2006, and January 17, 2007, respectively.

WELLS faces a term of imprisonment of between five and 20 years, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a term of supervised release to follow his incarceration of between five years and life on count 1. He faces up to ten years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a term of supervised release of between five years and life on count 2.

Sentencing is currently scheduled for December 18, 2008, at 11 a.m. at the United States District Courthouse in Benton.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Southern Illinois Cyber Crimes Task Force, the Illinois Attorney General’s Office Crimes Against Children Task Force, and a number of state and local law enforcement agencies.

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The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James M. Cutchin.

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TAX CHARGES

On September 17, 2008, [WILLIAM CUNAGIN](#), of Litchfield, Illinois, and **ALLEN OTTENSMEIER**, of Highland, Illinois, were indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in East St. Louis, Illinois, in an 11-count indictment charging them with a variety of criminal activity. **CUNAGIN** and **OTTENSMEIER** are both charged in count one with conspiracy to impede, impair, obstruct and defeat the functions of the Internal Revenue Service in the ascertainment, computation, assessment, and collection of federal excise taxes. The violation is alleged to have taken place between September 2002, through in or about September 2006, in Madison County, Illinois. **WILLIAM CUNAGIN** is also charged in counts two through six with attempt to evade or defeat tax and in counts seven through ten with failure to file tax returns. **ALLEN OTTENSMEIER** is charged in count 11 with making a false statement.

Counts one through six and 11 each carry a maximum penalty of not more than five years' imprisonment or a fine of \$10,000, or both, and three years of supervised release. Counts seven through ten each carry a maximum penalty of one year's imprisonment, a fine of \$25,000, and one year of supervised release.

Information for the indictment was obtained in an investigation conducted by Internal Revenue Service.

The case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorneys Norman Smith and Jennifer Hudson.

Key Dates in October

- 1 2005— Bali: Resort bombings kill 26 and injure more than 100; JI bomb maker Azahari bin Husin believed responsible
 1995— U.S.: Shaykh Umar ‘Abd al-Rahman convicted in plot to blow up UN Headquarters and other landmarks in New York
- 2 2000— Sri Lanka: LTTE suicide bombing kills 23 and wounds 54 in attack contesting elections
- 3 1996— Greece: Bomb explodes under car of Greek NATO officer in Athens; 17 November blamed
- 4 2000— Peru: Shining Path leader Carlos Fernandez captured
- 5 2000— Sri Lanka: LTTE suicide bomber kills ten and wounds more than 35 at election rally
- 6 2002— French oil tanker Limburg attacked and damaged off the coast of Yemen; one killed and four wounded; al-Qa’ida responsible
 1981— Egypt: President Sadat assassinated by Egyptian Islamic Jihad
 1973— Middle East: Yom Kippur War begins
- 7 2001— Afghanistan: U.S.-led coalition begins military campaign in response to 9/11 attacks
 1985— Hijacking of Achilles Lauro cruise ship; one U.S. citizen killed
 2004— Egypt: Terrorists car-bomb Hilton resort in Taba, two other tourist areas; 34 killed, more than 100 wounded
- 8 2002— Kuwait: Al-Qa’ida associates attack U.S. Marines on exercise, kill one
- 9 1983— Burma: North Korean commandos attack a South Korean state delegation visiting Rangoon killing 21 Burmese and Korean officials
- 11 1993— Norway: Norwegian publisher of The Satanic Verses shot three times by unknown gunman but survives
- 12 2004— Gaza Strip: Israelis kill senior HAMAS leader and explosives expert Adnan Ghul
 2002— Indonesia: Multiple car bombs explode outside nightclubs in Bali killing 202; JI responsible
 2000— Yemen: Bombing of USS Cole kills 17 and wounds 39; Usama Bin Ladin and al-Qa’ida responsible
- 13 U.S.: Columbus Day
- 15 2003— Gaza Strip: Palestinian terrorists bomb a U.S. Embassy motorcade killing three diplomatic security contractors
 1997— Egypt: Three EIJ leaders sentenced to death for terrorist acts

Key Dates in October, continued

- 16 2000— Saudi Arabia: Two Saudis commandeer flight to Baghdad, then surrender; 104 hostages released unharmed
- 1997— Sri Lanka: LTTE truck bomb at hotel next to Trade Center in Colombo kills 18 and wounds more than 100, including seven U.S. citizens
- 17 2001— Israel: Cabinet Minister Rehav'am Ze'evi killed by PFLP
- 1995— France: Paris Metro bombing wounds 30; GIA suspected
- 18 2003— Indonesia: Imam Samudra, Bali bombing suspect, sentenced to death
- 19 2000— Sri Lanka: LTTE suicide bomber wounds 23, including three U.S. tourists, in an attack against town hall near Colombo
- 20 1981— Belgium: Antwerp synagogue bombed killing two and wounding 99; bomber unknown
- 21 2002— Israel: Car bomb explodes next to bus in Karkur killing 19; PIJ suspected
- 22 2000— Spain: ETA car bomb kills prison officer in Basque capital, Vitoria
- 23 2002— Russia: Fifty Chechens seize Podshipnikov Zavod Theater in Moscow, taking over 800 hostages. All Chechens and 124 hostages, including one American, killed during rescue
- 1983— Lebanon: Islamic Jihad bombs U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut, killing 241 U.S. Marines and 58 French paratroopers
- 24 2004— Iraq: Islamic Army in Baghdad kills one U.S. State Department officer, wounds one
- 26 1995— Malta: Palestinian Islamic Jihad leader Fathi al-Shaqaqi killed by unknown assassin
- 28 2002— Jordan: USAID official Laurence Foley assassinated in Amman
- 2001— Philippines: Abu Sayyaf Group bomb in Zamboanga kills 11 and wounds 50
- 29 2005— India: Bombings in New Delhi kill 55, wound close to 200; Islamic Inquilab Mahaz group claims responsibility
- 1975— West Germany: Three Black September terrorists hijack Lufthansa plane and demand release of those who committed 1972 Olympics massacre; hijackers captured but all later released
- 30 2000— Spain: Judge and two aides killed and more than 30 wounded in ETA car bomb attack in Madrid
- 1984— India: Prime Minister Indira Gandhi assassinated by her Sikh bodyguards; many Sikhs killed in retaliation
- 31 1950— U.S.: Two Puerto Rican Nationalist Party members attempt to assassinate President Truman