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**PROJECT SAFE CHILDHOOD: SPRINGFIELD MAN CHARGED
WITH RECEIVING, POSSESSING, AND DISTRIBUTING
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Springfield, Ill. - A federal grand jury today charged a Springfield, Illinois man, Brent L. Suttory, with receiving, possessing and distributing images of child pornography. The indictment alleges Suttory, 32, of the 1000 block of South Durkin Drive, received and distributed child pornography via the Internet from August 27, 2008 through December 17, 2008, and that he possessed images of child pornography on December 17, 2008.

The charges are the result of a cooperative investigation by agencies participating in Illinois' Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force and agents with the Illinois Attorney General's Office, Illinois Secretary of State Police, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Gregory M. Gilmore.

If convicted, the offenses of receipt and distribution of child pornography carry a statutory mandatory minimum penalty of five years to life in prison. Possession of child pornography is punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment. Each of the offenses carry terms of up to life supervised release following any term of imprisonment.

Suttory was previously charged in a criminal complaint filed on December 17, 2008, when law enforcement officers arrested Suttory following execution of a search warrant at his residence. According to the affidavit filed in support of the complaint, a forensic preview of Suttory's computer files conducted by law enforcement located more than 70 movies depicting child pornography. U.S. Magistrate Judge Byron G. Cudmore ordered Suttory remain detained in the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is merely an accusation; the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), 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 to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

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