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OSAGE BEACH RESIDENT PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Osage Beach, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to possession of child pornography.

Larry H. Briesemeister, 58, of Osage Beach, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey to possession of computer files, disks and photographs containing child pornography.

Briesemeister was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Jan. 9, 2003, in Jefferson City. By pleading guilty, **Briesemeister** admitted that on Aug. 11, 2002, in Camden County, Mo., he possessed computer files, disks and photographs containing visual depictions of persons under the age of 18 engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

Specifically, **Briesemeister** admitted that he possessed several photographs of children and young males in various states of undress, a computer hard drive containing 192 visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct and several compact discs containing 168 images of minors posing in various sexual poses, Graves said. Many of the photographs focused on the minors' genitalia. All of the compact discs, photographs and images on **Briesemeister's** computer hard drive were discovered during a search of his residence on Aug. 11, 2002, at 4411 Beach Dr.

As a result of pleading guilty, **Briesemeister** may be subject to a sentence of up to five years in federal prison and a possible fine of up to \$250,000. His sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Larry Miller. The case was

investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Osage Beach, Mo., Department of Public Safety, Miller County, Mo., Sheriff's Office and the State Technical Assistance Team.

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