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NORTH KANSAS CITY MAN INDICTED FOR CHILD PORN

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a North Kansas City, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for possession, receipt and transportation of child pornography.

John A. Schafer, 58, of North Kansas City, Mo., was charged in a four-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Schafer** e-mailed a visual depiction of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct on Aug. 5, 2000 in North Kansas City.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Schafer** used his computer to download a visual depiction of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct on Feb. 4, 2003 in North Kansas City.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Schafer** was in possession of one or more films, videotapes, and other matter which contained visual depictions of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct on March 28, 2003 in North Kansas City.

Count Four of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count, which requires **Schafer** to forfeit to the United States any film, videotape, or other matter containing child pornography, as well as any property used to commit the offenses alleged in Counts One, Two and Three, including:

- * Two computers along with six hard drives and other hardware and software
- * Two scanners
- * A motion picture projector
- * Numerous floppy disks containing visual depictions of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David M. Ketchmark. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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