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SPRINGFIELD MAN INDICTED FOR POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Springfield, Mo., man has been indicted by a federal grand jury for possession of child pornography.

James Alan Sharer, 53, of Springfield, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury in Springfield on Oct. 16 for being in possession of a computer hard drive that contained three or more images of child pornography. **Sharer's** initial court appearance was held on Oct. 21, 2003, and he was released on bond.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rose A. Barber. It was investigated by the Greene County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and the Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center.

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

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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