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**INFORMATION REPORT:** The DCIS Arlington Resident Agency referred identifying information for persons with ties to the Department of Defense (DoD) that are in the DCIS Sacramento Post of Duty (POD) area of responsibility (AOR) and are suspected of involvement in child pornography. The DCIS Arlington Resident Agency initially received the information from the United States Attorney's Office (USAO), Eastern District of Virginia. The persons identified are active and retired military members, DoD civilians and DoD contractor employees, several of whom have or had Top Secret security clearances and all of whom used .mil e-mail addresses to register for access to child pornography websites.

As background, in April 2006, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement/Cyber Crimes Center/Child Exploitation Section (ICE/C3/CES) initiated an investigation into a criminal organization operating a commercial child pornography website known as "Home Collection." The investigation revealed that the same organization was operating numerous commercial child pornography websites. In addition, the organization utilized various Pay Pal accounts to process the payments for access to the member restricted websites. The investigation is being worked jointly with ICE/C3/CES, ICE/RAC/Birmingham, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the U.S. Department of Justice/Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, and the USAO for the Northern District of Alabama, ICE has designated this operation as **Project Flicker**. ICE/C3/CES conducted over 60 undercover transactions at the advertising websites associated with this investigation. The investigation determined that a specific criminal organization operates approximately 18 commercial child pornography portal websites which provide access to approximately 18 child pornography member-restricted websites, using a specific and identifiable payment website known as "iWest." The investigation identified that the criminal organization (1) uses various Pay Pal accounts to facilitate the customer payments; (2) uses specific subject identifiers within the Pay Pal accounts to identify purchases into the various member restricted websites; and (3) uses specific administrative e-mail accounts that are used to distribute access to the member restricted websites. **Project Flicker** data was sorted to identify individuals who used their .mil e-mail address, Fleet Post Office (FPO), or Army Post Office (APO) military zip codes to register for the Pay Pal service to access the child pornography websites. The suspects' names were queried in DCII, Auto Track and other

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applicable databases. This investigation was coordinated with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI), Travis Air Force Base, CA.

In Summary, SUBJECT was identified by PROJECT FLICKER, as a possible paying member of a website containing child pornography. On September 27, 2007, an interview of SUBJECT was conducted by ██████████ ██████████ ██████████, DCIS, Sacramento POD, Sacramento, CA and ██████████ AFOSI Detachment 303, Travis AFB, CA. SUBJECT was advised of his rights according to Article 31, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). SUBJECT acknowledged he understood his rights, declined legal counsel and stated he was willing to answer questions. SUBJECT admitted to paying approximately \$97.00 through a Pay Pal account for access to a pornography website. SUBJECT stated he logged on and viewed the site for 1-2 hours before noticing thumbnail images of females approximately 10 years of age. SUBJECT stated he immediately left the site and never went back. ICE records indicate SUBJECT only visited the site once. SUBJECT was released to his supervisor with no further investigative steps planned.

SUBJECT was advised of his rights in accordance with Article 31, (UCMJ). SUBJECT acknowledged his rights, declined legal counsel and agreed to answer questions. SUBJECT provided the following information in a signed, sworn statement: SUBJECT stated some time in the past he signed up for a pornographic website. SUBJECT did not remember the exact amount he paid for access to the site. SUBJECT stated he received a username and password via his HOTMAIL account. SUBJECT logged into the site and began browsing. SUBJECT stated he got to a page containing what appeared to be underage females. SUBJECT stated he immediately left the website and never went back again. SUBJECT signed up using a Pay Pal online cash account. SUBJECT reported the loss of his credit card number in the past and had unknown charges on the stolen card. SUBJECT related one of the charges was for "Video Professor" software which was mailed to his address. SUBJECT checked with the card company and they told him there were several other charges. SUBJECT stated he disputed the charges, cancelled the card and was issued a new card. SUBJECT believes he lost the card last year. SUBJECT stated he has never "surfed" for child porn. SUBJECT has received several emails advertising porn sites but he just deletes them. The site he paid to access had adult women on the first page. On subsequent pages of the site, there were thumbnail images showing females approximately 10 years of age. SUBJECT stated he left the site when he saw the underage females. SUBJECT stated he never looked at the child porn images. Additionally, SUBJECT stated verbally he looked at the website for "one or two hours" before noticing the underage females. Agents inquired into the possibility of a consent search of his computer. SUBJECT stated he didn't feel comfortable with anyone looking on his computer. Consent was refused. Due to SUBJECT currently being on terminal leave awaiting his retirement and no substantial evidence found concerning the allegation, no further investigation is warranted. SUBJECT provided investigators with a signed, sworn statement.

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Attachments

1. Rights Advise ment form, September 27, 2007
2. Signed, Sworn Statement of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] dated September 27, 2007.

Prepared by: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Sacramento Post of Duty  
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