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ICAC TASK FORCE ARRESTS MAN IN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CASE

On May 25, 2010 members of the North Florida Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force arrested a Tallahassee man and charged him with crimes relating to child pornography. Agents from U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and the Leon County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) executed a search warrant at 5169 Jackson Bluff Road, Tallahassee, FL. Members of the task force recovered computer equipment, child pornographic images and videos.

During the investigation, members of the task force downloaded files directly from Michael Shuman's computer through a file sharing program and verified his IP (Internet Protocol) address. The search warrant was obtained based on evidence that files containing images of child sexual performance were being possessed and distributed from Shuman's computer, inside the residence.

Through on scene forensic previews, interviews, and other investigative measures, Shuman was arrested and charged initially with 11 counts of Possession of Images of Child Sexual Performance, 1 count of Transmission/Distribution of Child Pornography. Further forensic exams will be conducted, and more counts may be placed on Shuman in the near future.

Sheriff Larry Campbell said, "We continue to work closely with agencies such as FDLE and ICE so that we can aggressively deal with these types of cases in Leon County."

Sue McCormick, Special Agent in charge of the ICE Office of Investigations overseeing Leon County said, "Through partnerships like the ones we have with the Leon County Sheriff's Office, ICE will continue to vigorously investigate child exploitation cases like this one."

"Law enforcement is committed to catching those individuals who prey on Florida's most innocent citizens - our children," said Special Agent Supervisor Mike Phillips of FDLE's Computer Crime Center. "The partnership between local, state and federal agencies is growing and should send a message to child predators that this type of crime will not be tolerated in our state."

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ARRESTED:

Michael Shaine Shuman
DOB: 12-02-1972

CHARGES:

Possession of Images of Child Sexual Performance (11 counts)

Transmission/Distribution of Child Pornography

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