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## News Release

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## HSI SEEKS VICTIMS OF TALLAHASSEE MAN CHARGED WITH PRODUCING, DISTRIBUTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIAL

TALLAHASSEE, Florida. — Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Tallahassee and the Leon County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) are seeking possible victims of a Tallahassee man charged with 10 counts of production and possession of obscene material of minors and child pornography.

Alan Joseph Clark, Jr., 44, was arrested on Dec. 5, 2023, as part of an ongoing joint HSI and LCSO investigation with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service and Florida Department of Law Enforcement. All charges are merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed one or more violations of criminal law, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty.

Any person who was, or knows of someone who may have been, a possible victim of Clark is urged to contact <u>HSI</u> at 1-866-347-2423.

HSI encourages the public to report suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free Tip Line at 1-866-347-2423 or by completing its <u>online tip form</u>. Both are staffed around the clock by investigators. From outside the U.S. and Canada, callers should dial 802-872-6199. Hearing impaired users can call TTY 802-872-6196.

Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may also be reported to the

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, via its toll-

free 24-hour hotline, 1-800-THE-LOST (800-843-5678).

HSI is the principal investigative component of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). HSI's Victim Assistance Program (VAP) is a central piece of HSI's victim-based approach to investigations into crimes of victimization and exploitation. The VAP responds to victim issues in a wide range of federal crimes, including human trafficking, child exploitation, child sex tourism, financial scams targeting the elderly and other vulnerable populations, white collar crime and human rights abuses. The VAP provides a critical resource to HSI investigations and criminal prosecutions by ensuring that victims have access to the rights and services to which they are entitled by law, as well as the assistance they need so that they can participate actively and fully in the criminal justice system process. Additionally, the VAP develops and maintains policy concerning victim-related issues and provides training and technical assistance to HSI special agents.

HSI's victim centered approach provides forensic interview support to HSI special agents in furtherance of criminal investigations in which victims are involved. The program also offers case consultation and coordination services, as well as other technical assistance and training to special agents regarding all issues related to victim and witness interviews.

The program also provides timely access to a wide range of local resources from as early as the investigative stage to prosecution. This process fosters cooperation between law enforcement and the victim while building trust and rapport. Learn more: <u>ICE.gov/partnerships-centers/vap</u>.

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