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Fort Stewart Teacher Indicted on Pornography Charges

Peachtree City, Georgia. The, Department of Defense (DoD) Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS), was today notified today that Patrick G. Daniel, a music teacher at Brittin Elementary School, Fort Stewart, Georgia, was indicted by the U.S. Attorney's Office on pornography charges on Friday, May 9, 2003. Mr. Daniel, who has taught at the Fort Stewart school since January 2000, has been on administration leave from the school since January 28, 2003, when his visits to pornographic sites and downloading of pornographic material from a school computer were first uncovered.

"The employee's internet activity was revealed through routine monitoring of the Fort Stewart schools' computer system activity," Bob Ray, Deputy Director for Management, explained. "A red flag was raised because of the amount of bandwidth being used by one employee. When checked by the school's computer technician, inappropriate material was discovered and reported immediately to the principal and Fort Stewart District superintendent, Dr. Joseph Guiendon. Dr. Guiendon promptly directed notification of the Army Criminal Investigation Division at Fort Stewart to initiate an investigation and placed Mr. Daniel on administrative leave. It is normal practice in DoD schools to place an employee on administrative leave for the protection of both students and the employee during this type of investigation."

Ray added that since this was a federal case, it would be inappropriate for DDESS to comment on specifics of the indictment. Any questions or requests for information should be directed to Mr. Dan Drake, Public Affairs Office for the United States Attorney, Southern District of Georgia. Telephone: (912) 652-4422.