

BRIAN J. DOYLE, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Brian J. Doyle served as deputy press secretary for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) until his arrest on April 4, 2006,¹ when he was charged with seven counts of using a computer to seduce a child and 16 counts of transmitting harmful materials to a minor.²

The charges stemmed from an investigation conducted jointly by the Polk County Sheriff’s Office, a Florida State attorney and DHS’s Office of the Inspector General. On March 12, 2006, Mr. Doyle contacted a Polk County detective who was posing as a 14-year-old girl and initiated a sexually explicit conversation with “her.”³ Mr. Doyle told her who he was and that he worked for the Department of Homeland Security.⁴ Mr. Doyle also gave the girl his government-issued cell phone number and forwarded photos of himself.⁵ Mr. Doyle engaged in sexually explicit conversations with the girl over AOL Instant Messenger, his office telephone line and his cell phone and, again using AOL Instant Messenger, sent her hard-core pornographic films.⁶ Mr. Doyle also attempted to seduce the girl, asked her for naked pictures of herself and offered to send naked pictures of himself.⁷ Sheriff Grady Judd of Polk County said, “I read the transcripts, I wanted to see if this was just as outrageous as the detectives depicted it . . . It shocked all of us who have worked vice, narcotics, organized crime, homicides.”⁸

On November 17, 2006, Mr. Doyle was sentenced to five years in prison, 10 years of probation and required to register as a sex-offender.⁹

¹ Michael Janofsky, Official Resists Extradition on Charge Involving Internet and Sex, *The New York Times*, April 6, 2006. (Exhibit 1)

² Florida v. Doyle, Case No. CF06-002109-XX, Arrest Warrant (Fla. Mar. 28, 2006). (Exhibit 2)

³ Polk Sheriff’s Office News Release, Deputy Press Secretary for U.S. Department of Homeland Security Arrested on Polk County Charges, April 4, 2006 [hereinafter “Polk Press Release”]. (Exhibit 3)

⁴ Id.

⁵ Id.

⁶ Id.

⁷ Polk Press Release.

⁸ Jeanne Meserve, Homeland Security Official Arrested in Child Sex Sting, *CNN.com*, available at <http://cnn.worldnews.printthis.clickability.com/pt/cpt?action=ctp&title=CNN.com+-Hom.> (January 19, 2007). (Exhibit 4)

⁹ Dana Willhoit, Five Years in Prison for Porn E-mails, *The Ledger*, November 18, 2006. (Exhibit 5)