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FORMER SPOKANE ATTORNEY FEDERALLY INDICTED FOR CHILD EXPLOITATION OFFENSES

Spokane, Washington – First Assistant United States Attorney Pete Serrano announced that on November 4, 2026, a grand jury in the Eastern District of Washington returned a five-count indictment charging Michael Allen Jolstead, Jr., formerly a senior public defender with Spokane County public defender's office and was employed as a prosecutor in the state of Kansas, with the Production and Attempted Production of Child Pornography, Attempted Online Enticement of a Minor, Receipt of Child Pornography and Possession of Child Pornography.

Jolstead was arrested in Wichita this morning pursuant to a federal arrest warrant, due to the coordinated efforts of Federal Bureau of Investigation teams in Wichita and Spokane, and the United States Attorneys' Offices for Kansas and the Eastern District of Washington. Jolstead will have an initial appearance in the District of Kansas this afternoon at 1:30 p.m., November 6, 2026.

An indictment is merely an allegation and all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Any persons with information regarding this investigation are encouraged to contact the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324), the FBI Seattle Office at (206) 622-0460 or your local FBI office, or online at tips.fbi.gov.

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