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New Charges Against Kidnapping Suspect

ST. LOUIS -- Michael J. Devlin, the man charged in January with kidnapping and sexually abusing two boys, one of whom had been missing for four years, was indicted Thursday of charges of producing child pornography and taking a minor across state lines for sex.

The six-count indictment, filed in federal court, says Devlin took at least one Polaroid picture of a minor identified as "S" and made three videotapes containing sexually explicit conduct.

The indictment also says Devlin took "S" to Illinois and Arizona in 2004.

In a news conference, prosecutors made it clear that "S" is Shawn Hornbeck, who was abducted in 2002 at age 11.

U.S. Attorney Catherine Hanaway said the federal case will not go to court until the county cases, some of which carry potential life sentences, are completed. Devlin faces more than six dozen charges in connection with the abduction of Shawn and of William "Ben" Ownby, 13, whose disappearance in January led to the discovery of both boys.

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· *RICHMOND* -- A Navy chaplain said he has been dismissed from the service, ending a year-long battle over his public protest of the branch's policy on nondenominational prayer. The Navy had sought to dismiss Lt. Gordon Klingenschmitt since a military jury in September said he had disobeyed a superior officer's order for wearing his uniform to a political protest at the White House in March 2006.

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