Missouri suspect in two kidnappings faces federal charges

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ST. LOUIS - Michael J. Devlin has been indicted on federal charges of production of child pornography and transportation of a minor for a criminal sex act, U.S. Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway of the Eastern District of Missouri announced today.

Devlin, 41, of Kirkwood, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury earlier today on four felony counts of production of child pornography and two felony counts of transportation of a minor for a criminal sex act.

U.S. Attorney Hanaway was joined in today's announcement by FBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge Steve Gomez; Kirkwood Police Lieutenant Bob Kosan; Washington County Prosecuting Attorney John Rupp; Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney Bob Parks; and Franklin County Sheriff Gary Toelke.

"These federal charges are the result of the joint federal, state and local investigation of the recent abductions," said U.S. Attorney Hanaway. "We will continue to work with state prosecutors to ensure that Mr. Devlin spends the rest of his life in prison."

The indictment alleges that between October 2002 and July 2003, Devlin photographed a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct. Additionally, the indictment charges that between July 2003 and January 2007, Devlin videotaped a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct. In February 2004, Devlin allegedly took a minor to Illinois with the intent to engage in criminal sexual assault. Devlin is also charged with taking a minor to Arizona between June 20 and July 3, 2004, with the intent to engage in sexual assault.

If convicted on the first pornography count, the defendant could receive 10 to 20 years in prison and/or fines up to $250,000. Counts two, three and four each carry a penalty range of 15 to 30 years in prison and/or fines of up to $250,000. Counts five and six, transportation for purpose of criminal sex acts, carry a range of five years to 30 years prison and/or fines up to $250,000, per count.