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LAW ENFORCEMENT SEEK PUBLIC'S HELP IN IDENTIFYING DOZENS OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN FEATURED IN OVER 100 PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY SERIAL KILLER RODNEY ALCALA

SANTA ANA – The Orange County District Attorney's Office and Huntington Beach Police Department are seeking the public's help in identifying dozens of women and children featured in over 100 photographs found in the Seattle storage locker of serial murderer Rodney James Alcala, 66, in 1979.

On March 9, 2010, a jury recommended Alcala receive the death penalty for kidnapping and murdering a 12-year-old Orange County girl, Robin Samsoe, and raping and murdering four Los Angeles County women in the 1970s.

After the murder of Samsoe, law enforcement discovered hundreds of images of unidentified women and children in Alcala's Seattle storage locker. These women and children are as-of-yet unidentified and it is unclear if any of them were victimized by Alcala.

"We balanced the privacy concerns of those depicted in the decision to release these pictures," stated District Attorney Tony Rackauckas. "Although we hope that the people depicted are not victims, we believe the release may help solve some cold cases and bring closure to victims' families."

Due to the number of photographs, CDs with the images are available for the media to pick up at the Huntington Beach Police Department located at 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. The CDs will also be available at the Orange County District Attorney's Office at 401 Civic center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

Anyone with information regarding the identities of the women and children in the photographs is asked to contact Sergeant Smith at (714) 536-5947 or Detective Ellis at (714) 536-5947 with the Huntington Beach Police Department or Supervising District Attorney Investigator Ed Berakovich at (714) 347-8492.

For additional information on the Alcala case, please visit www.orangecountyda.com and select under Press Releases/Media Advisories the March 9, 2010, press release entitled "Jury Recommends Death Penalty for Serial Murderer Convicted of Kidnapping-Murder of 12-Year-Old Orange County Girl and Sexual Assault Murders of Four Los Angeles Women."

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