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MASSACHUSETTS MAN INDICTED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

WASHINGTON – Donald F. Slason, 57, of Dedham, Mass., was arrested today on child pornography charges, announced Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer of the Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts Carmen M. Ortiz and Bruce M. Foucart, Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) of the Department of Homeland Security in Boston.

Slason was arrested on an indictment filed under seal in the District of Massachusetts on March 23, 2011, and unsealed today, which charges him with one count of transportation of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography.

The penalty for transportation of child pornography is a mandatory minimum of five years in prison and a maximum of 20 years in prison. Possession of child pornography carries a maximum of 10 years in prison.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafchildhood.gov.

The case against Slason was investigated by HSI and the Dedham Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael I. Yoon of the District of Massachusetts and CEOS Trial Attorney Bonnie L. Kane of the Criminal Division.

The details contained in the indictment are allegations. The defendant is presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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