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DES MOINES MAN CHARGED WITH PRODUCTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

DES MOINES, IA - On March 23, 2011, a federal grand jury returned an indictment charging Kent Eugene Oman, age 27, of Des Moines, Iowa, with production of child pornography, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. The indictment alleges that between January 1, 2008, and July 12, 2010, Oman did use, persuade, induce, entice, and coerce a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of the sexually explicit conduct. The indictment also seeks the forfeiture of all items used by Oman to produce the child pornography.

The case arose out of an investigation by the Metropolitan Police Force in London, England into individuals that were distributing child pornography through the use of internet Peer to Peer file sharing networks. This information was forwarded to the Department of Homeland Security Investigations Office in Des Moines, Iowa, for further investigation. A federal search warrant was executed at Oman's residence on December 13, 2010. Agents seized Oman's computer and related computer media. A subsequent forensic examination of Oman's computer revealed that Oman had placed a hidden camera in his bathroom to produce the child pornography in question. A second federal search warrant was executed on March 9, 2011, to seize the hidden camera. Oman was arrested at that time.

An indictment is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. If convicted of producing child pornography, Oman would face a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years and a statutory maximum sentence of 30 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.00. In addition, Oman could face up to a lifetime term of supervised release after the period of incarceration and would have to pay a \$100.00 special assessment to the Crime Victims Fund.

This investigation was conducted by the Metropolitan Police Force in London, England and the Department of Homeland Security Investigations in Des Moines. The case is being prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Iowa.

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