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**Auburn Man Indicted for Transporting Minor
with Intent to Engage in Criminal Sexual Activity**

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced today that a federal grand jury in Portland has returned a two-count indictment charging **James Raymond**, 28, of Auburn, with transporting a minor in interstate commerce with intent to engage in criminal sexual activity.

The indictment charges that on two occasions in 2007, Raymond transported a minor from Maine to New Hampshire and from New Hampshire to Maine with the intent that the minor engage in sexual activity made illegal under both Maine and New Hampshire law.

If convicted, Raymond faces a maximum penalty of life imprisonment with a ten-year minimum sentence, a fine of \$250,000, or both. Raymond was arrested earlier today and will likely have his first appearance in federal court later in the day.

United States Attorney Silsby stressed that the charges contained in the indictment are only allegations, and that Raymond is entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Auburn Police Department.

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