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## **St. Peter man indicted for possessing child pornography**

A 52-year-old St. Peter man was indicted last week in federal court for possessing child pornography.

Charles David Boynton was charged Jan. 13 with one count of possession of child pornography and one count of receipt of child pornography. Boynton's indictment alleges that on Feb. 28, 2007, he did knowingly receive and attempt to receive using a computer a visual depiction of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct, and did knowingly possess a visual depiction of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

If convicted, Boynton faces a potential mandatory minimum penalty of five years in prison and a maximum penalty of 20 years on the receipt count and a potential maximum penalty of 10 years on the possession count. All sentences are determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard A. Newberry.

These cases are part of Project Safe Childhood (PSC), a national initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, PSC marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about PSC, visit [www.projectsafchildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafchildhood.gov).

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An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by a defendant. A defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.