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## *Mandan Man Pleads Guilty to Possession of Child Porn*

**BISMARCK** - United States Attorney Drew H. Wrigley announced that on October 6, 2008, **Chad A. Mutschelknaus**, 30, of Mandan, North Dakota, pleaded guilty before United States District Court Chief Judge Daniel L. Hovland to a charge of possession of materials involving the sexual exploitation of minors.

In the plea agreement, **Mutschelknaus** admits to transmitting via the Internet approximately 236 images containing child pornography. **Mutschelknaus** was unaware that the images were being sent to law enforcement personnel. The offense conduct occurred between August 2005 and December 2007.

The charge of possession of materials involving the sexual exploitation of minors carries a statutory maximum penalty of 10 years of imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

Sentencing for **Mutschelknaus** has been scheduled for December 29, 2008, in United States District Court in Bismarck, North Dakota, at 11:00 a.m.

Assistant United States Attorney Clare Hochhalter is prosecuting the case.

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