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ODESSA MAN CHARGED WITH PRODUCTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

John E. Murphy, Acting United States Attorney, announced today that 33-year-old John Christopher Brunson remains in federal custody charged by criminal complaint with production of child pornography.

On September 3, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents together with Ector County Sheriff's deputies executed a search warrant at Brunson's residence based on information provided by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. During the search, agents recovered computers, computer peripherals, two digital cameras, a 35mm film camera, a web cam, storage media and other items. A preliminary review of a laptop computer seized at the residence revealed the presence of images of child pornography. The complaint indicates that several of the images appear to have been taken at the defendant's home.

ICE agents arrested Brunson on September 11, 2009. Brunson had his Initial Appearance this morning during which time U.S. Magistrate Judge David Counts scheduled a detention hearing for 3:30pm on Wednesday, September 16, 2009.

Brunson faces between 15 years and 30 years in federal prison upon conviction

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kerry Fleck.

A criminal complaint is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

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