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## **Virginia Man Pleads Guilty to Producing and Possessing Child Pornography**

(Alexandria, VA) - Rodrigo M. Omabtang, age 45, of Springfield, Virginia, plead guilty today to a four-count indictment charging him with production, transportation, attempted receipt, and, possession of child pornography. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia announced the guilty plea.

Omabtang will be sentenced on March 23, 2007, by United States District Judge T.S. Ellis, III. The child pornography production charge carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years, and the attempted receipt charge carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years. Omabtang faces a maximum sentence of 65 years on all charges.

According to court documents, from January to May 2006, Omabtang subscribed to a commercial child pornography website from his home computer. A subsequent search of his residence revealed photo albums, videotapes, computers and over 1,700 computer disks containing child pornography. Two of the videotapes show Omabtang sexually assaulting a 3-4 year old girl whom he was babysitting. Omabtang was a friend and former co-worker of the child's mother. Omabtang recorded one of the sexual assaults at the child's residence in Washington, D.C., and the other in the bedroom of his residence, in Springfield, Virginia.

This Project Safe Childhood case was investigated by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force members from the Fairfax County Police Department. Computer forensics analysis was provided by the Department of Justice's High Tech Investigative Unit. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Gerald J. Smagala and Special Assistant United States Attorney Edward J. McAndrew, a Trial Attorney in the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the Department of Justice.

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