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MARYLAND MAN ARRESTED ON CHILD EXPLOITATION CHARGES

WASHINGTON – Gary E. Jorandby, 57, of Upper Marlboro, Md., was arrested today on a federal indictment charging him with sexually exploiting a minor to produce child pornography and receipt of child pornography, U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein and Assistant Attorney General Alice S. Fisher of the Criminal Division announced today. The indictment was returned on Dec. 12, 2007.

According to the indictment, between approximately January 1990 and December 1999, Jorandby knowingly enticed and coerced a female child, who was approximately five years old at the time the crimes began, to engage in sexually explicit conduct involving the lascivious exhibition of the child's genitals, bondage, and penetration with objects, so that Jorandby could produce a visual depiction of these sexual acts. The indictment further alleges that Jorandby also received child pornography on his computer on or about Aug. 27, 2003.

Jorandby faces between 10 and 20 years in prison for production of child pornography, and between five and 20 years in prison for receiving child pornography. Jorandby also faces a fine of up to \$250,000 and a lifetime term of supervised release on each count. The defendant was arrested in West Virginia and had his initial appearance in U.S. District Court in Martinsburg, W.Va., this afternoon.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

The case is being prosecuted jointly by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michele Sartori for the District of Maryland and Trial Attorney LisaMarie Freitas of the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS) of the Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice. The case was investigated by the FBI's Innocent Images Unit in Calverton, Md.

An indictment contains allegations that a defendant has committed a crime. Every defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.

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