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Arlington Youth Sports Coach Indicted for Receipt and Possession of Child Pornography

(Alexandria, VA) – Charles Rust-Tierney, age 51, of Arlington, Virginia, was indicted by a federal grand jury today on receipt and possession of child pornography charges. Ken Melson, Acting United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; William Reid, Special Agent-in-Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE); and, M. Douglas Scott, Chief, Arlington County Police Department made the announcement.

According to the indictment, between March 2005, and on or about January 24, 2007, Rust-Tierney knowingly received multiple computer files containing photo and video depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Rust-Tierney was also found to possess multiple computer images of child pornography during a February 23, 2007, search of his residence. According to the indictment and previously filed court documents, many of the children depicted in the images are under 12 years of age.

Rust-Tierney has been detained since his February 23, 2007, arrest. If convicted, Rust-Tierney faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years to a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison on the receipt of child pornography charge. He faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison on the possession of child pornography charge.

In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created 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 <http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov>.

This investigation was conducted by ICE and the Arlington County Police Department. Computer forensics analysis was provided by the High Tech Investigative Unit of the

Department of Justice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Gerald Smagala and Special Assistant United States Attorney Edward J. McAndrew, who is on detail from the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the Department of Justice.

Criminal indictments are only charges and are not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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