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Arlington Youth Sports Coach Pleads Guilty to Receipt of Child Pornography

(Alexandria, VA) -- Charles M. Rust-Tierney, age 51, of Arlington, Virginia, pled guilty today to receiving child pornography, in violation of federal law. John S. Davis, 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, announced the guilty plea following a hearing in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Rust-Tierney, who will be sentenced on September 7, 2007 by United States District Judge T.S. Ellis, III, faces a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in prison and a maximum sentence of twenty years in prison. Rust-Tierney also faces a term of supervised release following his prison sentence of five years to life. Rust-Tierney will remain detained pending sentencing.

According to the statement of facts filed in conjunction with the guilty plea, Rust-Tierney used his home computer to purchase Internet access to commercial child pornography websites on at least five occasions between March 2005 and October 2006. During a two-week span in January 2006, Rust-Tierney accessed over 850 digital image and video files of child pornography on one of these commercial websites. Rust-Tierney downloaded onto computers and digital media seized from his residence approximately 560 digital image files and approximately 137 video files of child pornography. Many of these files depict children under the age of twelve being forced to engage in sexual acts with adult males.

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.