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**OHIO MAN ARRESTED IN CONWAY
ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY COMPLAINT**

Little Rock – Bud Cummins, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, and William C. Temple, Special Agent-in-Charge, Little Rock Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced Michael Shore, age 47, of Hamilton, Ohio, was arrested Saturday without incident in Conway, Arkansas. An initial appearance for Shore was held today before the Honorable J. Thomas Ray, United States Magistrate Judge. At the conclusion of the proceeding, Shore was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal pending a detention hearing on September 20, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

Shore has been charged by Complaint with production of child pornography in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a). A complaint is a charge brought against an individual by the United States Attorney. It is based upon a magistrate judge's finding that probable cause exists to believe the person has committed an offense. Under federal law, defendants charged by Complaint must be indicted by the next sitting federal grand jury or the Complaint is dismissed. It is therefore anticipated that Shore's case will be presented before the grand jury in the coming weeks.

"Internet predators and child pornography shatter lives and rob our youth of their innocence," stated Cummins. "This case and others like it where children are exploited by sexual predators are priorities for us. Through the Justice Department's newly-announced Project Safe Childhood, we are targeting these types of offenders and seeking to ensure that they receive the stiffest penalties available."

The Federal Bureau of Investigation received information from a concerned citizen and subsequently initiated the investigation in July 2006. The Complaint alleges that Shore persuaded a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing photos of that conduct which would be sent to his email account. Shore allegedly purchased cellular

phones with a camera function for the minor to use to take the explicit photos and send the images to him. It is also alleged that he traveled from Ohio and met with the minor more than once.

The statutory penalties for the offense are not less than 15 years imprisonment and not more than 30 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, or both and not more than five years Supervised Release.

A Complaint only makes allegations of wrongdoing. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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