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**TWO MEN CHARGED WITH PRODUCTION AND POSSESSION  
OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

**Little Rock** - Jane W. Duke, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, announced that Mark Gilbert, age 46, of Mabelvale, Arkansas was indicted Wednesday by a federal grand jury on two counts of Production of Child Pornography and one count of Possession of Child Pornography. The indictment alleges that between June 2007 and August 2008, Gilbert took pictures of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct and that he possessed child pornography. The indictment also includes a forfeiture allegation for computers, hard drives and media storage devices that were used in any manner to commit and promote the commission of the charges against him. This case was investigated by the Saline County Sheriff's Department and the Little Rock Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In an unrelated case, Freddie Wallace, age 40, of Wynne, Arkansas was also indicted Wednesday by a federal grand jury on separate charges of Production of Child Pornography and Possession of Child Pornography. The indictment alleges that between March 2006 and March 2009, Wallace produced pictures of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct. It also alleges that he possessed child pornography. This case was investigated by the Wynne Police Department and the Secret Service.

Both men face a possible statutory sentence of 15-30 years in federal prison for each production of child pornography charge and up to 10 years on the possession of child pornography charge.

These cases are being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Marsha Clevenger as a part of Project Safe Childhood.

Project Safe Childhood is a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), 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 to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

An indictment contains only allegations. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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