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FORMER PARK FOREST AND ELK GROVE VILLAGE MAN CHARGED WITH MANUFACTURING AND POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

CHICAGO – An area man was charged federally with manufacturing child pornography in his former Elk Grove Village home in 1997 and later possessing child pornography in his Park Forest home in 2007, federal law enforcement officials announced today. The defendant, **Donald Anderson**, 44, was charged in a criminal complaint filed yesterday, announced Patrick J. Fitzgerald, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and Robert D. Grant, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, following an investigation by the Chicago FBI's Innocent Images Task Force.

Anderson, formerly of Park Forest and Elk Grove Village, was charged with one count each of possession and manufacturing of child pornography. He has been in state custody since 2007. No date has been scheduled yet for him to appear in U.S. District Court in Chicago.

According to the complaint, the Park Forest and Norridge police departments conducted an investigation in March 2007, which revealed that Anderson had engaged in sexual activity on multiple occasions with Female Minor A. On March 21, 2007, Park Forest police executed search warrants at Anderson's residence and seized multiple computers, hard drives and media, including CDs, DVDs, and VHS tapes. A review of one of the computers allegedly revealed more than 11,700 images of suspected child pornography, and more than 8,250 additional images and 450 child

pornography videos were found on CDs and DVDs. Subsequent analysis of other computers and related equipment allegedly revealed more than 13,000 additional images and 70 more videos containing suspected child pornography.

Among the material seized in the search were items allegedly showing Anderson engaged in sexual activity with Female Minor B in January 1997. In July 2008, agents interviewed Female Minor B, then 19-years-old, and the complaint alleges that Female Minor B was approximately 8-years-old when a video depicting Anderson engaging in sexual activity with the girl was made in his home, then in Elk Grove Village.

The government is being represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Marny Zimmer.

If convicted, possession of child pornography carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and manufacturing child pornography carries a mandatory minimum penalty of 15 years in prison and a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison, and each count carries a maximum fine of \$250,000. The Court, however, would determine the appropriate sentence to be imposed under the advisory United States Sentencing Guidelines.

The public is reminded that a complaint contains only charges and is not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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