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CORTLAND MAN CHARGED WITH TRANSPORTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

CHICAGO – A DeKalb County man was arrested and charged yesterday with transporting child pornography via his computer after federal agents searched his home and found thousands of images of alleged child pornography on computers in his home. The defendant, **Paul Campbell**, 51, of Cortland, near DeKalb, was charged in a criminal complaint, Patrick J. Fitzgerald, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and Gary J. Hartwig, Special Agent-in-Charge of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of Investigations in Chicago, announced today.

Campbell had an initial appearance yesterday and was being held in federal custody pending a detention hearing at 1 p.m. today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Susan Cox in U.S. District Court in Chicago.

The complaint charges Campbell, also known by the screen name, “boredad,” with uploading images of child pornography to an Internet web site on April 28 and again on May 4, 2009. The images were captured by an ICE agent who was monitoring a chat room on the web site. A preliminary review of computers found in Campbell’s home during the execution of a search warrant yesterday revealed thousands of images, the vast majority of which appeared to constitute child pornography, according to the complaint affidavit.

The government is being represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph H. Thompson.

Transporting child pornography carries a mandatory minimum penalty of 5 years in prison and a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000. Upon conviction, the Court, however, would determine a reasonable sentence to impose considering 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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