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### **Red Wing man indicted for receiving and possessing child pornography**

ST. PAUL – An indictment unsealed yesterday in federal court charges a 41-year-old Red Wing man with receiving child pornography and possessing approximately 14,000 images of child pornography. Ronald Lee Rainwater was charged with one count of receipt of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography. The indictment, which was filed on May 18, 2011, was unsealed following Rainwater's initial appearance in federal court.

The indictment alleges that on December 17, 2007, Rainwater knowingly received a visual depiction of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct. It also alleges that on August 12, 2009, Rainwater possessed thousands of similar depictions. The images were downloaded via the Internet. They were discovered on two computer hard drives during the execution of a search warrant at Rainwater's residence on that date.

If convicted, Rainwater faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison on the receipt count and ten years on the possession count. All sentences will be determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an investigation by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations, with assistance from the German Federal Police. It is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Colin P. Johnson.

The U.S. Department of Justice is committed to combating the sexual exploitation of children, particularly via the Internet. For more information about these efforts, please visit the Department's Project Safe Childhood website, at [www.projectsafefchildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafefchildhood.gov).

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An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by a defendant. A defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.

