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LAS CRUCES MAN CHARGED WITH
DISTRIBUTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

LAS CRUCES – David Rounbehler, 74, a resident of Las Cruces, New Mexico, was arrested on federal child pornography charges Friday, October 8, 2010. On October 12, 2010, Rounbehler made his initial appearance before United States Magistrate Judge Lourdes Martinez in Las Cruces. Rounbehler is charged by criminal complaint with knowingly receiving, distributing and possessing child pornography. He is detained pending a detention hearing on October 15, 2010.

The complaint alleges that on April 30, 2010, Las Cruces Police officers using LimeWire, a peer-to-peer file sharing software program, discovered images of child pornography on Rounbehler's computer and were able to download two of the images. According to the complaint, LimeWire, which had been installed on Rounbehler's computer, enables the user to share selected files on his or her computer with other users via the internet.

If convicted of receiving or distributing child pornography, Rounbehler faces not less than 5 years of imprisonment and up to life imprisonment, and a lifetime of supervised release.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that the charges against Rounbehler stem from an investigation led by the Las Cruces Police Department and Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Las Cruces.

The case is being prosecuted by Stephen Wong, Assistant United States Attorney, as part of the national Project Safe Childhood Initiative, which was launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, 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.

A criminal complaint is only an accusation. All criminal defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.