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**BEACON MUSIC TEACHER INDICTED FOR RECEIPT
AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and JAMES T. HAYES, JR., the Special Agent-in-Charge of the New York Office of the Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"), announced today the indictment of STEPHEN W. SIKTBERG on charges of receiving and possessing child pornography. SIKTBERG, 30, was previously arrested, in October 2009, at his Beacon, New York, residence by ICE agents and charged in a Complaint with one count of possession of child pornography. He is scheduled to be arraigned before United States Magistrate Judge PAUL E. DAVISON on May 12, 2010.

According to the Complaint, the Indictment, and statements made during the presentment in October 2009, SIKTBERG, who provided private music instruction to both children and adults, downloaded child pornography from the Internet using a peer-to-peer file sharing program, and saved it on his computer and CDs.

The Indictment charges SIKTBERG with one count of receiving child pornography, which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years in prison, and a maximum fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss from the offense, and one count of possessing child pornography, which carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss from the offense.

Assistant United States Attorney SARAH R. KRISOFF of the White Plains Field Office is in charge of the prosecution.

Mr. BHARARA thanked ICE for its work in this

investigation.

ICE encourages the public to report suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-347-2423. This hotline is staffed around the clock by investigators.

Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

The charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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