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**MARYLAND MAN CONVICTED OF PRODUCING, DISTRIBUTING
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that STEPHEN MICHAEL LEVY, 44, a mechanic from Glen Burnie, Maryland, was convicted of producing and distributing child pornography after a six-day jury trial before United States District Judge DENNY CHIN. According to the Indictment and the evidence at trial:

On June 9, 2007, LEVY visited a friend's house in Stafford, Virginia. During the visit, when LEVY was alone with his friend's five-year-old child who was sleeping, he molested the child and took pictures of the molestation with the camera on his cellular telephone. LEVY then e-mailed those pictures over the internet, including to a detective of the New York City Police Department, who had met LEVY in an internet chat room while operating in an undercover capacity. A later search of LEVY's home revealed hundreds of images and videos of child pornography, some involving children less than six years old.

LEVY, who has been detained since his arrest last summer, faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years' imprisonment, and a maximum of 30 years' imprisonment, on Count One, charging the production of child pornography, and a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years' imprisonment, and a maximum of 20 years' imprisonment, on Count Two, charging the distribution of child pornography. LEVY is scheduled to be sentenced on March 3, 2009.

Mr. GARCIA thanked the Bronx District Attorney, ROBERT T. JOHNSON, who referred the case for prosecution, and praised the work of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the New York City Police Department in connection with this investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney ADAM S. HICKEY is in charge of the prosecution.