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**BEACON MUSIC TEACHER ARRESTED FOR
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 arrest of STEPHEN W. SIKTBERG on a charge of possessing child pornography. SIKTBERG, 30, was arrested early yesterday at his Beacon, New York, residence by ICE agents. He was presented yesterday before United States Magistrate Judge PAUL E. DAVISON.

According to the criminal Complaint filed in White Plains federal court and statements made during yesterday's court proceeding:

SIKTBERG, who provides music lessons to both children and adults, downloaded child pornography from the Internet and saved it on his computer and CDs. SIKTBERG provided his computer and his computer password to ICE agents, as well as approximately 58 CDs.

An ICE agent subsequently reviewed two of the 58 CDs provided by SIKTBERG, and determined that they contained six videos of minor children engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

SIKTBERG is charged with 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 is

in charge of the prosecution.

Mr. BHARARA thanked ICE for its work in this investigation, which he said is continuing.

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 charge contained in the Complaint is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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