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CANADIAN MAN ARRESTED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Terence Keleher, 61, of Canada, was arrested and charged by Criminal Complaint with transporting child pornography over the border and possession of child pornography. The charges carry a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in prison and maximum 20 years.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Gretchen L. Wylegala, who is handling the case, stated that the defendant was attempting to enter the United States from Canada and was pulled over for a secondary inspection. During the inspection, law enforcement officers found images that appeared to be child pornography on electronic devices possessed by the defendant.

Keleher made an initial appearance this afternoon before U.S. Magistrate Judge Jeremiah McCarthy and is being detained. A detention hearing is scheduled for February 3, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.

The charges are the culmination of an investigation by Special Agents of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, under the direction of James C. Spero.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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