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**NEWS RELEASE**

Austin Ayers Winther, was charged today by Indictment<sup>1</sup> with the one count of attempting to entice another individual to travel in interstate commerce to engage in illegal sexual activity, one count of attempting to use a means of interstate commerce to entice an minor into engaging in illegal sexual activity, and four counts of attempting to transfer obscene matter to a child less than 16 years of age, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger.

**INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS**

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Austin Ayers Winther	Philadelphia, PA	64

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of lifetime imprisonment, a mandatory minimum 10 years imprisonment, a \$1,500,000 fine and a \$600 special assessment.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), 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.projectsafchildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafchildhood.gov).

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sherri A. Stephan.

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<sup>1</sup>An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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