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CHESTER COUNTY MAN CHARGED IN SEX TOURISM CASE

PHILADELPHIA - An indictment¹ was unsealed today charging John Charles Ware in a case of sex tourism, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. Ware is charged with two counts of transporting a minor in foreign commerce with the intent to engage in illegal sexual activity involving two different minors, one count of transporting one of those minors in interstate commerce with the intent to engage in illegal sexual activity, two counts of attempting to transport a minor in foreign commerce with the intent to engage in illegal sexual activity involving two additional minors, production of child pornography and the receipt and possession of child pornography.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
John Charles Ware	Oxford, PA	47

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of life in prison with a mandatory minimum of 15 years, a \$1,750,000 fine, a mandatory 5 years supervised release to lifetime supervised release, and an \$700 special assessment.

This case was brought, in part, 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.projectsafechildhood.gov.

The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Department of Homeland Security Investigations and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sherri A. Stephan.

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

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