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**BOYERTOWN MAN CHARGED WITH SEXUALLY EXPLOITING A CHILD TO
PRODUCE CHILD PORN**

Robert Knappenberger was charged today by indictment¹ for using a child for the purpose of producing child pornography and then posting that video on the internet, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. In addition to count one, Knappenberger is charged with commission of sexual exploitation of a minor by a registered sex offender, possession of child pornography, and three counts of distribution of child pornography.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Robert Knappenberger	Boyertown, PA	40

If convicted, the defendant faces a mandatory term of 35 years in prison up to a maximum possible sentence of 200 years in prison, up to a lifetime of supervised release, fines of up to \$1.5 million.

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.projectsafefchildhood.gov.

The case was investigated by U.S. Postal Inspection Service and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rotella.

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

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