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FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Madison, Wisconsin -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictments today. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

VERONA MAN FACES CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

Paul M. Ketring, 39, Verona, Wis., is charged with knowingly receiving visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, and two counts of possessing a computer hard drive containing visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. The indictment alleges that Ketring used a computer to download child pornography videos on June 28 and June 30, 2010, and that he possessed the two computer hard drives on July 26, 2010. The indictment also contains a forfeiture allegation, seeking the forfeiture to the United States of computer equipment used to commit the alleged offenses.

If convicted, Ketring faces a mandatory minimum penalty of five years in federal prison and a maximum penalty of 20 years on each receiving count, and 10 years in federal prison on each possession count. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Madison Police Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Przybylinski Finn.

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 U.S. 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.

MERRILLAN WOMAN CHARGED WITH SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD

Dawn Johnson, 41, Merrilan, Wis., is charged with failing to disclose information to the Social Security Administration in order to fraudulently receive payments. The indictment alleges that from April 2009 to March 2010, she failed to disclose that a claimant was no longer in her custody in order to continue to receive Social Security payments. The indictment also charges her with converting Supplemental Security Income benefits to a use other than for the use and benefit of the intended recipient. The indictment alleges that Johnson converted approximately \$8,088 in payments to which she was not entitled.

If convicted, Johnson faces a maximum penalty of five years in federal prison on each charge. The charges against her are the result of an investigation by the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

MAN CHARGED WITH ILLEGALLY RE-ENTERING UNITED STATES

Jorge Ramirez-Flores, 31, a citizen of Mexico found in Madison, Wis., is charged with illegally re-entering the United States after previously being deported. The indictment alleges that he was found in the United States on August 13, 2010.

If convicted, Ramirez-Flores faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

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