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CARNEGIE MAN INDICTED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

United States Attorney Mary Beth Buchanan announced today, May 12, 2009, that Brandon Carter of Carnegie, Pennsylvania, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Pittsburgh on charges of receipt and possession of child pornography.

The two-count indictment named Carter, age 33, of 125 Mountain Drive, Carnegie, Pennsylvania, as the sole defendant.

According to the indictment, in between December 2006 and April 2008, Carter received material depicting the sexual exploitation of a minor. Also, in May 2008, Carter possessed material depicting the sexual exploitation of a minor.

Assistant United States Attorney Brendan T. Conway, who presented the case to the grand jury, indicated that the law provides for a maximum total sentence of thirty (30) years in prison, a fine of \$500,000, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed would be based upon the seriousness of the offenses and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

The United States Secret Service conducted the investigation leading to the indictment in this case.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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.