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## FEDERAL JURY CONVICTS IOWA MAN FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY ON COMPUTER

(CEDAR RAPIDS, IA) - United States Attorney Matt M. Dummermuth announced today that a Buckingham, Iowa, man who had images of child pornography saved on his computer was convicted by a jury on May 21, 2009, after a three-day trial in federal court in Cedar Rapids.

**DALE YARRINGTON**, 42, from Buckingham, was convicted of one count of possession of child pornography. The verdict was returned yesterday afternoon following about nine hours of jury deliberations.

The evidence at trial showed that, in May 2007, **YARRINGTON** took his computer to a retail computer store in Waterloo because he could not get the machine to start up properly. A technician at the computer store found sexually explicit pictures of minors on the computer. The Waterloo Police Department was called, and **YARRINGTON's** computer was seized. A forensic examination of **YARRINGTON's** computer revealed over 1,100 images of suspected child pornography that had been viewed on the Internet and approximately 160 images of suspected child pornography that had been saved on the computer's hard drive. The forensic examination also revealed **YARRINGTON's** computer had several bookmarked Internet sites involving sexually explicit content involving minors.

Sentencing before United States District Court Chief Judge Linda R. Reade will be set after a presentence report is prepared. **YARRINGTON** remains in custody of the United States Marshal pending sentencing. **YARRINGTON** faces a maximum of 10 years in prison and a term of supervised release of 3 years to life following any imprisonment.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark Tremmel and was investigated by the Waterloo Police Department, the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office, and the Iowa Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

This case was filed as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, the United States Department of Justice created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices, 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 identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafefchildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafefchildhood.gov).