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WATERLOO MAN FACES FEDERAL CHILD PORN CHARGES

United States Attorney Matt M. Dummermuth announced today that **MICHAEL LEE REYNARD**, 42, from Waterloo, Iowa, has been charged with one count of distributing child pornography and one count of possessing child pornography. The charges are contained in an Indictment unsealed yesterday, in United States District Court in Cedar Rapids.

Count 1 of the Indictment alleges that, on or about October 25, 2008, **REYNARD** knowingly distributed and attempted to distribute pictures of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Count 2 alleges that, in December 2008, **REYNARD** possessed and attempted to possess on his computer pictures of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

If convicted, **REYNARD** faces a sentence of not less than 5 years' and up to 20 years' imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment on the distribution charge and up to 10 years' imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment on the possession charge. **REYNARD** also faces a possible term of supervised release for life following any imprisonment.

REYNARD appeared yesterday in federal court in Cedar Rapids and was released under conditions that include home detention and electronic monitoring. **REYNARD**'s trial is set for August 3, 2009.

As with any criminal case, a charge is merely an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ian K. Thornhill and was investigated by the Waterloo Police Department, the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office, and the 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.projectsafechildhood.gov.