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Digital Millennium Copyright Act Charges Filed

A one-count Information was filed in U.S. District Court in Cleveland, Ohio, charging William J. Ederer, age 47, of Skokie, Illinois, with violating the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, specifically Title 17, United States Code, Sections 1201(a)(2)(A) and 1204(a), Steven M. Dettelbach, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, announced today.

The Information charges that between in or about January 2006, and on or about August 1, 2007, the defendant knowingly manufactured, imported, offered to the public, or otherwise trafficked in technology, products, services, devices, components or parts thereof, which were primarily designed to circumvent technological measures designed to effectively control access to a work copyrighted under Title 17 of the United States Code, for purposes of commercial advantage or private financial gain.

If convicted, the defendant's sentence will be determined by the Court after review of factors unique to this case, including the defendant's prior criminal record, if any, the defendant's role in the offense and the characteristics of the violation. In all cases the sentence will not exceed the statutory maximum and in most cases it will be less than the maximum.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert W. Kern, Cybercrime Coordinator for the Cleveland U.S. Attorney's Office, following an investigation by the Cleveland Office of the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

An Information is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.