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SUPERIOR MAN INDICTED FOR PRODUCTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Madison, Wisconsin – Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that a federal grand jury sitting in Madison returned a two-count indictment yesterday charging Eric A. Olson, 39, of Superior, Wisconsin, with using a minor to produce visual depictions of sexually explicit conduct and possessing a computer hard drive and DVDs containing visual depictions of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

If convicted, Olson faces a maximum penalty on the first count of not less than fifteen nor more than thirty years in federal prison, and ten years on the second count. In addition, he faces the possibility of lifetime supervised release following any period of incarceration. The charges against Olson are the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Superior Police Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter M. Jarosz.

This indictment is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales launched 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.projectsafchildhood.gov/.

You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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