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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - April 23, 2013

El Centro, CA - United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced the arraignment this afternoon of Damian C. Mora on an indictment charging him with one count of possession of images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(b), a felony.

According to the criminal complaint filed earlier in the case, the defendant posted about collecting photographs of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct on a website relating to the sexual exploitation of children and also posted about his sexual interest in children. According to the complaint, the defendant's collection included depictions of children, as young as one to two years of age, sexually exploited by adults.

The defendant was arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations agents on April 9, 2013, in El Centro, California. Anyone with information relating to the charges against this defendant is urged to call **760 335 5389** and leave a confidential message, which will be returned by special agents investigating this case.

The public is reminded that an indictment is not evidence that the defendant committed the crime charged. The defendant is presumed innocent until the United States meets its burden in

court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

This case stems from an investigation by the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 13cr1471JM

Damian C. Mora

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a) (4) (Possession of Child Pornography)
Maximum Penalties: 10 years' incarceration, \$250,000 fine, a minimum of 5 years and up to a lifetime of supervised release and registration as a sex offender.

INVESTIGATING AGENCY

Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations