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**LAS CRUCES MAN SENTENCED TO 25 MONTHS IN PRISON**  
**FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

LAS CRUCES – United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales announced that today, **David Peter Rounbehler**, 75, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, was sentenced to 25 months in prison for possession of child pornography. Rounbehler will serve a five-year term of supervised release after he completes his prison sentence and will be required to register as a sex offender.

On March 3, 2011, Rounbehler pled guilty to one count of possession of child pornography. During his plea hearing, Rounbehler admitted that, in July 2007, he possessed 46 images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Rounbehler has been in custody since his arrest on October 8, 2010.

This case was investigated by the Las Cruces Police Department and U.S. Homeland Security Investigations in Las Cruces, in conjunction with the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Stephen H. Wong and Jacob Wishard. The case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, 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 to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

The case also was brought as part of the New Mexico Internet Crimes Against Children

Task Force whose mission it is to locate, track, and capture Internet child sexual predators and Internet child pornographers in New Mexico. There are 61 federal, state and local law enforcement agencies associated with the Task Force, which is funded by a grant administered by the New Mexico Attorney General's Office. Anyone with information relating to suspected child predators and suspected child abuse is encouraged to contact federal or local law enforcement.

Charges in indictments are only accusations. All criminal defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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