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MICHIGAN MAN INDICTED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

PRESS RELEASE

Indianapolis-U. S. Attorney Susan W. Brooks announced today that KENNETH WAYNE MILLER, 43, of Iron River, Michigan, was indicted today by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis with 36 counts of Distribution and Receipt of Child Pornography. The charges were the result of an investigation by the Indiana State Police, the Michigan State Police, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

MILLER allegedly distributed and received child pornography on the Internet. During the execution of the search warrant at MILLER's residence on January 3, 2007, law enforcement officers observed child pornography on his personal laptop computer.

MILLER appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Kennard P. Foster, for an initial appearance on a Criminal Complaint in February. Following a detention hearing, Judge Foster ordered MILLER to remain in custody pending further proceedings.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, The U.S. Department of Justice created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by United States Attorney's 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 rescue and identify victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Steve DeBrota, who is prosecuting the case for the government, MILLER faces a mandatory minimum penalty of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum term of imprisonment of 20 years for each count, and the possibility of lifetime supervised release.

The Indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless
and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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