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GWINNETT PHARMACIST INDICTED FOR COLLECTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Atlanta, GA -- WILLIAM CARTER GORMAN, 54, of Lawrenceville, Georgia, was arraigned today on charges of receiving and possessing child pornography. GORMAN was arrested on July 23, 2007, after accepting a package containing 8 videos of child pornography that he had ordered through the mail. GORMAN, a pharmacist, also faces child molestation charges in Gwinnett County as a result of evidence gathered during the investigation. At GORMAN's initial appearance today, a federal magistrate denied GORMAN's request for bond.

"The many cases of this type that we have prosecuted support the research finding that individuals who knowingly possess images of sexual exploitation of children -- a despicable crime in itself -- often also sexually exploit additional children themselves. This defendant appears to present yet another example of that disturbing correlation," said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias.

The charges brought by the federal grand jury against GORMAN carry a minimum mandatory sentence of five years in prison and a maximum of thirty years in custody.

Members of the public are reminded that the indictment contains only allegations. A defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government's burden to prove a defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

This case 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 around the country, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

This case was investigated by inspectors from the United States Postal Inspection Service and detectives from the Gwinnett County Police Department.

Assistant United States Attorney Robert McBurney is prosecuting the case.

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