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**ALBUQUERQUE MAN ARRESTED ON FEDERAL
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGE**

ALBUQUERQUE – Albuquerque resident Christopher Daves, 25, made his initial appearance in federal court this morning on an indictment charging him with possession of child pornography. Daves was arrested without incident yesterday by Homeland Security Investigations, and is temporarily detained pending an arraignment and detention hearing scheduled for July 13, 2012.

According to the indictment, Daves allegedly possessed child pornography on May 2, 2012, in Bernalillo County, N.M. If convicted, Daves faces up to ten years of imprisonment.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that the case against Daves was investigated by Homeland Security Investigations and the New Mexico State Police, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Charlyn E. Rees.

The case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice (DOJ) to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and DOJ's 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.

The case also was brought as a part of the New Mexico Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force's mission, which is to locate, track, and capture Internet child sexual predators and Internet child pornographers in New Mexico. There are 64 federal, state and local law enforcement agencies associated with the New Mexico ICAC 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.

An indictment is only an accusation. A criminal defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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