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POLO MAN INDICTED FOR USING A CHILD TO PRODUCE CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Matt J. Whitworth, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Polo, Mo., man has been indicted by a federal grand jury for using a child to produce child pornography and for receiving and possessing child pornography.

Terry R. Ingerson, 44, of Polo, was charged in a four-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City on Wednesday, May 20, 2009.

The federal indictment alleges that, between May 1 and Aug. 30, 2008, **Ingerson** used a minor to produce child pornography. **Ingerson** is also charged with one count of receiving child pornography over the Internet in April 2008 and two counts of possessing child pornography in March 2009.

The indictment also contains a forfeiture allegation, which would require **Ingerson** to forfeit to the government any property used to commit the alleged offense, including a computer.

Whitworth cautioned that the charges contained in this indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Beth Phillips. It was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Project Safe Childhood

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to

combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), 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.projectsafefchildhood.gov.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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