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CALAREVAS COUNTY MAN ARRESTED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

SACRAMENTO-- United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that on February 15, 2007 a federal grand jury returned a one count indictment charging PAUL MATSON, 58, of Calaveras County, with possessing one or more matters containing visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

This case is the product of a joint investigation by the Calaveras County Sheriff's Department and the Sacramento Valley High Tech Task Force which was undertaken as part of Project Safe Childhood (PSC). PSC is a United States Department of Justice initiative established to increase federal prosecutions of violent sexual predators of children, and to reduce the number of Internet crimes against children including child pornography trafficking. As a part of PSC, the United States Attorney's Office has teamed with state and local agencies and organizations to increase law enforcement presence on the Internet, and to educate the public about safe Internet use, thereby reducing the risk that children might fall prey to online sexual predators. For additional information on the PSC initiative, please go to www.projectsafefchildhood.gov or call the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California and ask to speak with the PSC coordinator.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Carolyn Delaney, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that on or about September 17, 2006 and November 2, 2006, MATSON possessed images of child pornography. MATSON was arraigned before United States Magistrate Judge Kimberly J. Mueller and ordered to appear in federal district court on March 8, 2007 for further proceedings.

The maximum statutory penalty for a violation of possession of child pornography is 10 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine. However, the actual sentence will be dictated by the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of factors, and will be imposed at the discretion of the court.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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