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**DENVER MAN ARRESTED FOR DISTRIBUTING AND POSSESSING CHILD
PORNOGRAPHY**

DENVER – David Moe, age 45, of Denver, Colorado, appeared yesterday before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in U.S. District Court in Denver based on a Criminal Complaint on charges alleging distribution and possession of child pornography, the United States Attorney John Walsh and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Special Agent in Charge Kumar Kibble announced. Moe is a preschool teacher at Paddington Station, teaching Cultural Rhythms/Enrichments, and has been the Director of Enrichments and Before- and After-School Care programs since 2005. Moe was arrested without incident at his residence and a Criminal Complaint was obtained Tuesday. During yesterday's hearing, Moe was advised of the charges against him, and a detention and preliminary hearing was set for July 30, 2012, at 10:00a.m.

According to the facts contained in the affidavit associated with the Criminal Complaint, law enforcement, acting in an undercover capacity, observed child pornography available for downloading on another computer that was using peer-to-peer software to share files. As the investigation continued, a search warrant was obtained and executed by HSI on July 24, 2012. Moe was the sole occupant of the residence. Preliminary forensic examination has thus far yielded child pornography both on Moe's computer and on DVDs/CDs that were located at the residence. In conjunction with the execution of a search warrant, it was determined that Moe used the Internet to make available, trade, and collect images of child pornography. It was also determined that he has been a teacher at Paddington Station for the last 18 years. Agents and officers learned that there was one allegation of inappropriate contact with a child approximately 10 years ago. Nothing was proven.

Moe is charged with one count of distribution and attempted distribution of child pornography, which carries a penalty of not less than 5 years, and not more than 20 years in federal prison, as well as a fine of up to \$250,000. The defendant is also charged with possession of child pornography, which carries a penalty of not more than 10 years in federal prison, and a fine of up to \$250,000.

This case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). Individuals possessing any information related to the investigation should call HSI at 303-721-3035.

The defendant is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Alecia Riewerts Wolak.

The Criminal Complaint is a probable cause charging document. Anyone accused of committing a felony violation of federal law has a Constitutional right to be indicted by a federal grand jury.

These charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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.projectsafecchildhood.gov.