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**UNITED NATIONS EMPLOYEE CHARGED
WITH POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

LEV L. DASSIN, the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and PETER J. SMITH, the Special Agent-in-Charge of the New York Office of the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"), announced that JOSE ANTONIO ORTEGA-OSONA, 40, a Spanish national employed by the United Nations in Manhattan, was arrested yesterday on a Complaint alleging that he possessed images and videos of child pornography on computer equipment in his residence in Manhattan. ORTEGA-OSONA was arrested by ICE agents at Newark Liberty International Airport and was presented yesterday before United States Magistrate Judge THEODORE H. KATZ in Manhattan federal court. As alleged in the Complaint:

On May 15, 2009, acting on information provided by Canadian authorities, ICE agents conducted a search at ORTEGA-OSONA's apartment in Manhattan. An examination of a laptop computer and external storage drives found in the apartment revealed numerous images and videos of child pornography. Forensic analysis of the file history of the images showed that they were obtained from an Internet website based in Japan. Analysis of some of the file images by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children also identified multiple images of known child pornography on external drives found in ORTEGA-OSONA's apartment.

The Complaint charges ORTEGA-OSONA with one count of possessing child pornography transported in interstate and foreign commerce. If convicted, ORTEGA-OSONA faces a maximum of 10 years in prison. The defendant was ordered detained pending trial.

Mr. DASSIN praised the work of ICE, and the assistance of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Halifax Regional Police and the Canada Border Services Agency, in connection with this investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney NIKETH VELAMOOR is in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Complaint are merely allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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