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## DODGEVILLE MAN CHARGED WITH CHILD PORNOGRAPHY OFFENSES

Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that a federal grand jury sitting in Madison returned an indictment on January 28, 2010, charging John Wolenc, 47, of Dodgeville, Wis., with solicitation of child pornography. The indictment was unsealed today following the defendant's arrest.

The indictment alleges that between June 14, 2008, and continuing thereafter until August 18, 2008, Wolenc sent emails to Illinois attempting to have sexually explicit images of a minor sent to him in Wisconsin.

If convicted of the present charge, Wolenc faces a mandatory minimum penalty of five years and a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. If the government proves that Wolenc has a previous conviction for a crime relating to sexual abuse or abusive sexual conduct involving a minor, then he faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years and a maximum of 40 years in federal prison.

Wolenc appeared in U.S. District Court in Madison today. Magistrate Judge Peter Oppeneer ordered him held in custody pending a detention hearing to be held next week.

The charges against Wolenc are the result of an investigation conducted by the U.S. Postal Service. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter M. Jarosz.

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 U.S. 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.projectsafchildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafchildhood.gov).

You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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