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REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER ARRESTED IN MANSFIELD FOR RECEIPT OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Boston - A Mansfield man was charged today in federal court with receiving child pornography.

Gerald Deneault, 45, who was previously convicted in Massachusetts of indecent assault and battery on a child under the age of 14, was arrested at his residence this morning.

The complaint alleges that Deneault received child pornography from a Canadian company on a number of occasions from June 2008 through February 2011. Based upon an investigation of the Canadian company, federal officers identified Deneault as being a recipient of child pornography. During a search of his home, federal officers seized evidence of Deneault's receipt of child pornography, including computers and DVDs.

If convicted, Deneault faces a minimum mandatory of 15 years and up to 40 years in prison to be followed by up to a possible term of supervised release of life.

United States Attorney Carmen M. Ortiz; Kevin Niland, Inspector in Charge of the United States Postal Inspection Service; Chief Samuel F. Thompson, Jr.; and Chief Paul MacDonald of the Barnstable Police Department made the announcement today. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Crowley of Ortiz's major Crimes Unit.

The details contained in the complaint affidavit are allegations. The defendant is presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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