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FORSYTH, MO., MAN INDICTED FOR CREATING CHILD PORN

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Forsyth, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for creating and possessing child pornography.

Danny Ray Lee, Sr., 52, of Forsyth, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury, which met today in Springfield.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that between March 1, 2002, and Aug. 9, 2002, in Taney County, Mo., **Lee** coerced a minor female to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that on Aug. 14, 2002, in Taney County, **Lee** possessed computer hard drives and disks that contained three or more images of child pornography.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rose A. Barber. It was investigated by the Taney County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the United States Secret Service, the United States Customs Service and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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