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## **SEDALIA, MO., MAN INDICTED FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORN**

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Sedalia, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for possession of child porn.

**Patrick E. Ross**, 53, of Sedalia, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned today by a federal grand jury in Jefferson City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that on April 23, 2003, **Ross** possessed 23 video tapes and four photographs containing visual depictions of persons under the age of 18 engaging in explicit conduct.

Count Two of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count, which would require **Ross** to forfeit any property used to commit the crime stated in Count One of the federal indictment, including the 18 video tapes and four photographs to the United States

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence E. Miller. The case was investigated by the United States Postal Service, the State Technical Assistance Team and the Sedalia, Mo., Police Department.

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.

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