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NEWS RELEASE

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Sheriff's Detectives Nab Paroled Sex Offender for Child Pornography

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo. – At approximately 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, detectives from the Garfield County Sheriff's Office simultaneously executed three search warrants on Christopher Earl Carlyle, 33, 2307 CR 154 #21, for possession of child pornography. The three warrants corresponded to his residence, vehicle and place of employment, Aspen Moving and Storage, 1420 Devereux Rd.

Law enforcement personnel detained Carlyle outside his employment location as he was attempting to leave in his vehicle. He was subsequently arrested after the team of detectives found more than 1,000 sexually explicit pictures of children on his employer's computer as well as printouts and videos of the same type of material in his home. The team of detectives, which included a sergeant, corporal, three investigators, evidence technician and patrol deputy processed the evidence that morning with information technology support and booked the offender into the Garfield County Jail at 10:57 a.m. the same day.

The sequence of events in uncovering Carlyle's illicit activities began with his employer's Internet Service Provider (ISP) conducting an audit of his e-mail accounts. The audit arose from the ISP experiencing several hits on sites of a sexually-explicit nature. The ISP then sent the information to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), which, in turn, conducted a background investigation into the alleged activity. NCMEC coordinated with Colorado's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force to determine the proper jurisdiction and next course of action. The above agencies contacted the Garfield County Sheriff's Office and provided all applicable rationale for requesting the three search warrants leading to the arrest.

Christopher Earl Carlyle is a repeat sexual offender and was on parole for a 2008 conviction of crimes against a minor. Carlyle's parole status restricted him from having a personal computer at home as well as possessing sexually explicit material.

Ninth Judicial District Judge Gail Nichols advised Carlyle of the charges against him yesterday afternoon; he is being held without bond in the Garfield County Jail due to his parole violation. He is also facing one count of felony internet sexual exploitation of a child and five counts of felony sexual exploitation of children.

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