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**TWO MEN CHARGED IN SEPARATE FEDERAL  
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY INDICTMENTS**

Rockford — Two men were indicted today by a federal grand jury for allegedly transporting and possessing child pornography. **Jason Nicoson**, 34, of Roscoe, Ill., and **John Carlson**, 37, of Algonquin, Ill., were each charged in separate cases with two counts of transporting child pornography via the internet, and one count of possessing child pornography that had crossed state lines.

If convicted, each defendant faces a maximum potential sentence on each count of up to 10 years in prison, 3 years of supervised release following imprisonment, and a fine of up to \$250,000. If convicted, the actual sentence will be determined by a United States District Court Judge, guided by the United States Sentencing Guidelines.

The indictments were announced today by Gary S. Shapiro, Acting United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and Robert D. Grant, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Algonquin Police Department, Illinois State Police, and the Illinois Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce assisted in the investigations. The government is represented in each case by Assistant United States Attorney Michael D. Love.

The public is reminded that an indictment contains only charges and is not evidence of guilt. Each defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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