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**Former Customs and Border Protection Officer Guilty
of Child Pornography Charges**

MINOT - United States Attorney Drew H. Wrigley announced that on July 22, 2009, **Darren M. Henry**, 33, of Bottineau, North Dakota, was found guilty by a federal jury on charges of sexual exploitation of minors and possession of material involving the sexual exploitation of minors. The case was presided over by United States District Court Chief Judge Daniel L. Hovland.

Between January 2008 through October 2008 in Bottineau, **Henry**, while employed as a Customs and Border Protection officer, engaged in a sexual relationship with a minor female. The child's mother reported the relationship to law enforcement officers, after she discovered cellular phone text messages and greeting cards from **Henry** to her daughter. A search warrant for **Henry's** computer uncovered numerous pictures of the minor female engaged in sexual activity.

The charge of sexual exploitation of minors carries a statutory mandatory minimum of 15 years in prison and a statutory maximum penalty of 30 years in prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine. The charge of possession of material involving the sexual exploitation of minors carries a statutory maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a

maximum \$250,000 fine.

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The case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General, North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Bottineau County Sheriff's Office and Bottineau County State's Attorney's Office.

Sentencing for **Henry** has not been scheduled.

Assistant United States Attorney Gary Delorme is prosecuting the case.

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