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William J. Edwards, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, announced today that a one count Information was filed in U.S. District Court in Cleveland, Ohio, charging Scott Graham, age 38, of Avon Lake, Ohio, with illegally intercepting and endeavoring to intercept wire and electronic communications, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2511(1)(a) (Illegal Wiretapping).

The Information charges that between on or about February 29, 2008, and on or about March 28, 2008, Scott Graham intentionally intercepted and endeavored to intercept Internet e-mail and computer keystrokes of others, without their knowledge or consent.

If convicted, the defendant's sentence will be determined by the Court after review of factors unique to this case, including the defendant's prior criminal record, if any, the defendant's role in the offense and the characteristics of the violation. In all cases the sentence will not exceed the statutory maximum and in most cases it will be less than the maximum.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert W. Kern, Cybercrime Coordinator for the Cleveland U.S. Attorney's Office, following an investigation by the Akron Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

An Information is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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