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Press Release

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Re: Probation and Parole Officer's Keen Offender Supervision ends in Sexual Exploitation of Children Charges against Offender

**"The New Mexico Corrections Department takes the supervision of the offenders entrusted to us by the courts very seriously. This case is a perfect example of why I enjoy doing what I do. Whether it's a sex offense or any other crime it is my responsibility to supervise offenders toward success. This includes being mindful to indications of criminal activity and taking deliberate action when we see it."**

**-Sarah Valdez**

**Probation and Parole Officer  
New Mexico Corrections Department**

**"Simply put, I am here to help probationers and parolees succeed if they want to return to our neighborhoods as productive and responsible citizens but I am also here to assist them in understanding social boundaries. I accept the responsibility of public safety with great pride."**

**-Sarah Valdez**

**Probation and Parole Officer  
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**"Seeing the evidence of child pornography on Harper's computer was very disturbing. Now knowing, what else was found in Harper's possession I am satisfied with myself that I did my job and Harper is now facing these new charges."**

**-Sarah Valdez**

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Probationer David Palmer Harper was arraigned yesterday Monday October 15, 2012 He is charged with 6 counts of Sexual exploitation of children manufacture and 2 counts sexual exploitation of children possession. (Attached are the Affidavit and criminal complaint plus the grand jury indictment documentation.) His bond was lowered from \$100,000 cash to \$50,000

cash surety plus he has a no bond Hold out of New Jersey. He is currently at the Sandoval County Detention Center.

On the morning of September 15<sup>th</sup> Probation and Parole Officer Sarah Valdez went to Harper's home for a random weekly home visit. Harper gave Officer Valdez verbal permission to go inside his home. Within seconds Officer Valdez realized that a computer inside Harper's home had images of child pornography. Right away Officer Valdez contacted the Attorney General's Office's Internet crimes Against Children Unit.

**Background:**

Harper is a registered sex offender.

He was convicted in 2008 for endangering the welfare of a child (4<sup>th</sup> degree felony) in New Jersey.

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