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ALERT arrests Lethbridge man on child pornography charges

Lethbridge... Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams' southern Integrated Child Exploitation unit (ICE) has arrested a Lethbridge man on child pornography charges following a three-month investigation triggered by a tip from the public.

Richard BUIS, 64, was arrested today and charged with one count each of possessing, accessing, and making available child pornography. It is alleged that BUIS downloaded and accessed movie files depicting children between the ages of seven and 12 engaged in sexually explicit acts, and made the files available to others.

The ICE unit was assisted by the Lethbridge Regional Police Service.

BUIS made his first court appearance in Lethbridge Provincial Court today and was released from custody on a number of conditions, including that he not be in possession of a computer or any other device capable of accessing the internet, or be in contact with any child under the age of 18. BUIS will make his next court appearance in Lethbridge on August 12.

The southern ICE Unit is part of the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) and specializes in the investigation of sexual exploitation of children through the Internet.

Anyone who would like more information on how to be safe online is encouraged to visit the ALERT website at www.alert-ab.ca and cybertip.ca. Both sites contain information about protecting children from online predators.

ALERT is an umbrella organization established by the Government of Alberta to bring together the province's most sophisticated law enforcement resources to tackle serious and organized crime. Close to 400 municipal police, RCMP and sheriffs work for ALERT.

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