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ALERT charges Edmonton father with sexual assault, child pornography offences

Edmonton... Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team's Internet Child Exploitation unit (ICE) has charged an Edmonton man with sexual assault and several child pornography offences allegedly committed against his seven-year-old daughter.

On September 23, members of the northern ICE unit received information from a law enforcement agency in Europe about pornographic material involving a child that appeared to have originated from an Edmonton address. ICE investigators, with the assistance of the Edmonton Police Service Child at Risk Response Team (CARRT), responded to the address in question and located a mother and her three children. The family was transported to the ZEBRA Child Protection Centre.

A short while later, a 37-year-old man believed to be the father of the family, arrived at the residence and was arrested without incident. A search warrant was executed at the property and computers and electronic storage media were seized for forensic examination.

The accused, who cannot be named because it would identify the alleged child victim, is charged with six offences including sexual assault and sexual interference, as well as production, possession, distribution and accessing child pornography.

The man made his first court appearance on September 24. He has been held in custody until his next court appearance on October 12 in Edmonton.

The mother and her children will continue to receive support from Child and Family Services.

ICE investigates the sexual exploitation of children through the Internet and works to reduce harm through public education and prevention programs. CARRT provides immediate support to the child at risk while the ZEBRA Protection Centre provides children and their parents or guardians with essential social, medical, and mental health services and supports.

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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For more information on the agencies involved in this investigation, please visit:

ALERT www.alert-ab.ca

CARRT www.edmontonpolice.ca/CommunityPolicing/FamilyProtection/ChildProtection/CARRT.aspx

ZEBRA www.zebracentre.ca/

NOTE TO EDITORS: Detective Kevin Fald of ALERT's northern ICE unit will be available to answer questions from the media on Tuesday, September 27, 11:00 a.m. at ALERT headquarters, 18807 Stony Plain Road, Edmonton.

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