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ALERT charges Calgary man with child pornography offences

Calgary... Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team's Internet Child Exploitation unit (ICE) has charged a man with child pornography offences following an investigation related to his Facebook account.

It is alleged that the accused used his Facebook account and email address to upload and share child pornography through the Internet and with his contacts over a six-month period. Facebook received complaints about the content of this individual's account and conducted a review, which allegedly led to the discovery of child pornography images and chat messages.

The southern Alberta ICE unit began investigating after Facebook forwarded this information to the National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre, Canada's contact point for child pornography files involving Canadian victims and suspects.

On December 14, investigators executed two search warrants, one at a residence located in the 3500 block of 56 Street NE and the other at a business located in the 2500 block of 7 Avenue NE. Numerous computers and computer-related devices were seized.

Clement John MURRAY, a 58-year-old Calgary resident, has been charged with accessing, possession and distribution of child pornography. The accused has been released on conditions and his next scheduled court appearance is on December 22, 2011.

"While this case may raise some alarm about social networking sites, it shows how important it is for the public to be actively involved in reporting suspicious online activity or behaviour," said ICE Staff Sergeant Steve Lorne. "It also serves as a reminder to ensure we are talking to our kids about how they can stay safe while online."

ICE investigates the sexual exploitation of children through the Internet and works to reduce harm through public education and prevention programs. The public can submit tips at www.cybertip.ca, a national website for reporting the online sexual exploitation of children.

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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Staff Sergeant Steve Lorne will be available to comment on this investigation between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20. His contact number is 403-428-4901.

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