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## **6 Month Child Pornography Investigation Ends in Arrest of Paloma Man!**

*Calaveras County Sheriff's Investigators concluded a 6 month investigation with the arrest of Paul Matson, 58, of Paloma on a federal possession of child pornography charge. The case began in September of 2006 when an employee of the People's...*

Cemetery in San Andreas found a box containing sexually explicit images of adults as well as children. Also found at the cemetery were computer hard drives, floppy disks, CD's, digital camera and a small bag of marijuana residue.

As a result of the forensic examination of the computer hard drives and physical evidence left at the scene Investigators were able to develop enough information to put a criminal case together against Matson a former bus mechanic for the Calaveras Unified School District. Investigators submitted their investigation to the United States Attorney General's Office as part of "Project Safe Childhood". On February 15th a Federal Grand Jury returned a one count indictment charging Matson with possession of one or more matters containing depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

Matson was arrested at the Sheriff's Valley Springs sub-station by investigators and transported to the United States District Court in Sacramento.

The investigation was a collaborative effort by the Calaveras County Sheriff's Office and the Sacramento Valley High Tech Crimes Task Force which was undertaken as part of "Project Safe Childhood". "Project Safe Childhood" is a United States Department of Justice initiative established to increase federal prosecutions of violent sexual predators of children, and to reduce the number of internet crimes against children including child pornography trafficking.

If you have any information regarding this case or believe you may have been a victim you are urged to contact Detective Heather Cammisa at 754-6564.