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NEWS RELEASE

**FARMINGTON MAN CHARGED WITH
CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT OFFENSES INVOLVING CHILDREN**

Dakota County Attorney James Backstrom announced that Adam Eugene Berg, age 30 of Farmington, has been charged* with two counts of Attempted Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Second Degree (a felony) and two counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Fifth Degree (a gross misdemeanor) in connection with at least four attempts of either exposing himself to children or attempting to lure children for purposes of his sexual gratification. These incidents took place at various locations within the city of Farmington between January 16, 2012 and February 27, 2012.

Due to the graphic nature of the criminal complaint, please call 651-438-4440. A mug shot may be viewed at <http://services.co.dakota.mn.us/InmateSearch> while in custody.

Backstrom indicated that the first report to Farmington police of inappropriate sexual behavior towards children was made on January 16, 2012 after a 4-year-old child playing at a park in Farmington was approached around 5:00 p.m. by a man who was exposing himself and asking if the boy would like to touch him. The child's mother was nearby and saw the man speaking to her son. When she approached the man, he immediately left. A second incident occurred on February 13, 2012 when a man in a truck approached an 8-year-old girl playing outside her home. He exposed himself and asked if she would like to touch him.

Two additional incidents occurred on February 27, 2012. In the first incident, a 10-year-old girl walking to a neighborhood park around 5:00 p.m. was approached by a man in a truck who showed her a photo on a cell phone of a naked woman. Around 5:30 p.m. on that same evening, a man in a truck approached two boys, ages 9 and 12, in the driveway of a Farmington home. The man held up a cell phone with a photo of a female's genitalia. The boys' father had observed his sons speaking to a man in a truck and was able to provide the Farmington police with a detailed description of the vehicle. Based on the description of the vehicle, Farmington police were able to locate a truck they believed was used in these incidents. The owner of the vehicle was identified as Adam Berg who later admitted to exposing himself to children on at least three occasions. Berg also admitted to possessing pornography on his cell phone which he had displayed to children.

Backstrom commented, "Cases of this nature are extremely disturbing." Backstrom indicated that the Farmington Police Department is still actively investigating this case to see if any other children may have been victimized. Anyone with information or questions pertaining to this investigation should contact the Farmington Police Department at 651-280-6700.

Backstrom said that Berg made his first appearance in court today and bail in the amount of \$30,000 with multiple conditions, including no unsupervised contact with minors, was set by Judge Edward Lynch. Berg's next court appearance will be April 2, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. in Hastings.

If you have questions, contact James Backstrom at 651-438-4440.

**Criminal charges are not evidence of guilt. A defendant/suspect is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.*