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State v. Edward C. Eckley
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The Montgomery County Grand Jury has indicted 46 year old **Edward C. Eckley** on 55 counts of Pandering Sexually Oriented Material Involving a Minor, all felonies of the fourth degree, and one count Distributing Sexually Oriented Material Involving a Minor, a felony of the second degree.

The defendant, a resident of New Lebanon, was identified by an investigator after being alerted that he had sent an out of state undercover police officer a photo containing sexually explicit material involving a minor child. The defendant was 'instant messaging' the officer at the time he sent the photo.

A search of the defendants computer, seized at his home, uncovered many photos that were of a similar nature. As a result of this forensic evidence, the defendant was indicted.

Each fourth degree felony is punishable by up to 18 months incarceration. The second degree felony is punishable by up to eight years incarceration. The defendant will be arraigned on February, 26, 2009.

Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck said, "This defendant was in possession of a number of sexually explicit photos involving children, and sent one via the internet to an undercover police officer. This reminds us how we need to monitor our children's internet usage in order to safeguard them."