

## Georgia man indicted on child exploitation charges

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MACON, Ga. - An Americus, Ga. man was arrested yesterday after being indicted on Feb. 7, 2007, by a federal grand jury charging him with transporting a minor with intent to engage in criminal sexual activity, receipt of child pornography, and possession of child pornography.

The indictment alleges that on or about July 1, 2000, Thomas Conrad Lowery, 47, knowingly transported a minor-who was less than 16 years of age- from Georgia to Canada, for the purpose of engaging in illicit sexual activity. The indictment also alleges that in 2005, he received and attempted to receive, and possessed images of child pornography. The indictment was previously unsealed, but was unsealed today upon Lowery's initial appearance. If convicted, Lowery faces five to 20 years in prison, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a lifetime period of supervised release.

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