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LA CITY ATTORNEY FILES CHARGES AGAINST LA MAN FOR SECRETLY FILMING WOMEN IN BATHROOM, DUPLICATION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

LOS ANGELES – Los Angeles City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo, the City's chief prosecutor, today announced his office has filed multiple criminal charges against a Los Angeles man discovered secretly filming women as they used his bathroom, as well as for the duplication of child pornography on his laptop computer.

Koichi Tamura, 35, was charged with twelve criminal counts including duplication of child pornography and invasion of privacy. If convicted, Tamura could face a maximum penalty of nine years in county jail and an \$18,000 fine. Conviction on the child pornography counts would also require mandatory lifetime registration as a sex offender.

An investigation began following a police report by one of the female victims in the case. Police investigated whether Tamura had been secretly filming persons while they were using the bathroom at his Mid-Wilshire apartment. In the course of the investigation, LAPD Operations West Bureau Sexual Assault Unit, Registration Enforcement and Compliance Team (REACT), uncovered evidence that on two different dates Tamura had secretly videotaped four adult victims. Results of the investigation were subsequently referred to City Attorney Delgadillo's Special Trials Unit, which targets sex offenders.

Prosecutors and police expedited the investigation when they learned that the suspect, a Japanese citizen, was scheduled to leave the country on June 22. Working in cooperation with the LAPD, prosecutors filed the case and obtained a \$250,000 arrest warrant while a search warrant was being prepared. REACT officers executed the search warrant at the time of the arrest on June 19th. Forensic review of seized materials by the Electronic Crimes Task Force resulted in the discovery of child pornography on Tamura's laptop computer. Additional child pornography was discovered on DVDs among Tamura's personal belongings.

Tamura was arraigned on June 24 in Department 83 of the Los Angeles Superior Court. Judge Dennis J. Landin set bail at \$250,000 and calendared the matter for a pretrial hearing on July 8th in Dept. 40.

Following additional review of seized evidence, additional charges may be filed by the City Attorney's Office.

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