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**FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE VIRGINIA ACLU ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION
OF VIOLENT CHILD PORN, LEGACY ALSO INCLUDES EFFORTS TO FORBID DAILY PRAYER AT VMI**

ACLU: WHERE PRAYER IS OPPOSED, BUT PEDOPHILIA IS PROMOTED

ABC News reports on February 23, 2007, that Charles Rust-Tierney, the former President of the Virginia ACLU was arrested for possession of child pornography depicting violent rape of prepubescent girls. News of Mr. Rust-Tierney's arrest was of interest to First Principles because the ACLU of Virginia brought the case against prayer at VMI in 2001. Charles Rust-Tierney wrote in the Spring 2002 Newsletter of the Virginia ACLU that school-sponsored non-sectarian prayers before meals at Virginia Military Institute created an "intense adversarial environment." Ironically, most Americans would find Mr. Rust-Tierney's intolerance of adult cadets praying most odd, when the former ACLU President apparently has no care whatsoever for the extreme harm and "intense adversarial environment" created for young girls who are violently "coerced" into sexual acts by adult deviants.

According to ABCNews, "Rust-Tierney admitted to investigators that he had downloaded videos and images from child pornography websites onto CD-ROMs, according to the complaint. The videos described in the complaint depict graphic forcible intercourse with prepubescent females. One of the girls is described in court documents as being 'seen and heard crying', another is described as being 'bound by rope.'¹ A CNN commentator attempted to convey the viciousness of the images by saying the next step from these images is "snuff films," where the female is either killed or her death is simulated.

The ACLU leader is best known around Arlington, Virginia for his crusade against restricting Internet access in libraries. In the late 1990's he argued before the Loudoun County Library Board that people would behave responsibly and appropriately, and unrestricted access to the "valuable resources of the internet" was the best policy. He further advocated that older minors should have "access to resources appropriate for their age group, even if such materials may be considered by some parents to be unsuitable for younger minors." It should be no surprise that *The Washington Times* reports that Mr. Rust-Tierney has been a subscriber of child pornography over the past several years.

Rust-Tierney's position on child porn is consistent with the ACLU institutionally and in other matters. For example the ACLU's defense of NAMBLA, the North American Man-Boy Love Association which is "not just publishing material that says it's OK to have sex with children and advocating changing the law," but "is actively training their members how to rape children and get away with it. They distribute child pornography and trade live children among NAMBLA members with the purpose of having sex with them."²

¹ <http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/story?id=2900174&page=1>

² <http://www.nationalreview.com/murdock/murdock200402270920.asp>

For the past 50 years, Americans have witnessed repeatedly the undemocratic changes to America's way of life through the judiciary, not its voice - the legislative branch of government. This change is usually wrought through a contrived case the ACLU brings on behalf of one malcontent it recruits and supports. The ACLU takes the position that individuals have radical unabridged rights and liberties without responsibility to society. As the ACLU stated in its Fall, 1999 newsletter, ". . . the power even of a democratic majority must be limited, to ensure individual rights."

These recent cases are part of a long sordid history which tells us whose rights they are willing to ensure, and what majority they intend to exclude. The ACLU's twisted interpretation of the Bill of Rights since the 1940s becomes clear to all sensible and careful people when viewed in context: The ACLU promotes pedophilia and protects child predators, and opposes the prayers of America's troops in harm's way in defense of "One Nation Under God."