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Arlington Man Pleads Guilty to Receipt of Child Pornography

(**Alexandria, Virginia**) - Jeff Rosato, age 32, of Arlington, Va., pleaded guilty today to receipt of child pornography. Dana J. Boente, Acting United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia and Joseph Persichini, Jr., Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI Washington Field Office made the announcement following Rosato's guilty plea before United States District Judge T.S. Ellis, III.

Sentencing has been set for May 1, 2009. Rosato faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment. Upon his release, Rosato will remain under Court supervision for a term of at least five years to life. Rosato will also be required to register as a sex offender in any U.S. jurisdiction in which he lives, works or attends school.

According to court documents, based on information obtained from another user's computer by the Department of Justice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section's High Tech Investigative Unit, it was determined that in February 2007, Rosato received multiple images of child pornography through the "Google Hello" photo sharing program. Pursuant to this information, investigators executed a search warrant at Rosato's residence and seized multiple computers and computer equipment. A forensic analysis of this computer equipment revealed thousands of images and several movies of child pornography and child erotica.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Special Assistant United States Attorney Andrew McCormack, who is on detail from the Department of Justice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, prosecuted the case for the United States.

A copy of this press release may be found on the website of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia at <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/vae>. Related court documents and information may be found on the website of the District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia at <http://www.vaed.uscourts.gov> or on <http://pacer.uspci.uscourts.gov>.

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