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## Ewing Attorney Pleads Guilty to Possession of Child Pornography

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TRENTON – A Ewing attorney pleaded guilty today to a one-count Information charging possession of child pornography, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

Donald Burak, 49, entered his plea before U.S. District Judge Mary L. Cooper. Judge Cooper released the defendant on a \$100,000 bond pending sentencing, which is scheduled for July 24.

At his plea hearing, Burak admitted that on June 14, 2007, he possessed child pornography on his computer. Burak admitted that he downloaded the child pornography from the Internet.

The computer contained more than 600 images of prepubescent minors under the age of 12 engaging in sexually explicit conduct and that certain images contained depictions of sadistic or masochistic conduct or other depictions of violence involving children.

The charge of possession of child pornography carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

In determining an actual sentence, Judge Cooper will consult the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. The judge, however, was not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all that time.

Christie credited Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Weysan Dun in Newark, for the investigation leading to the guilty plea.

The Government is represented by Assistant United States Attorney James T. Kitchen of the U.S. Attorney's Office Criminal Division in Trenton.

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