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**MARLTON, NEW JERSEY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSING
MORE THAN 600 IMAGES OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

CAMDEN, N.J. – A Burlington County, New Jersey, man pleaded guilty today to possession of child pornography, admitting he had more than 600 criminal images, United States Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Edmund Arnold, 59, of Marlton, pleaded guilty before United States District Judge Noel L. Hillman to an Information charging him with possession of child pornography.

According to documents filed in this case and statements made during Arnold's guilty plea proceeding:

On March 20, 2009, law enforcement officers seized Arnold's computer hard drive, which contained images of child pornography, from a local computer repair shop. The images and videos found on the drive included multiple depictions of prepubescent minors and portrayals of sadistic conduct and other depictions of violence to children.

Arnold admitted to possessing over 600 images of child pornography and storing them on his computer. He also acknowledged the content of the images. As part of his guilty plea, the defendant agreed to forfeit computers, external hard drives, and DVDs which he used to commit the offense.

The count to which Arnold pleaded guilty carries a maximum potential penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Sentencing is scheduled for October 26, 2010.

U.S. Attorney Fishman credited the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Michael B. Ward, for the investigation of this case, and thanked the Evesham Township Police Department and the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office for providing valuable assistance.

The government is represented by Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Skahill of the U.S. Attorney's Office Criminal Division in Camden.

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Defense counsel: Richard Sparaco, Esq., Cherry Hill, N.J.