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SYRACUSE, NY – Andrew T. Baxter, Acting U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of New York, and Harry J. Corbitt, Superintendent, New York State Police, announced today that **GEORGE C. ORTLOFF**, age 61, of Plattsburgh, New York, pled guilty in United States District Court in Albany today before the Honorable Thomas J. McAvoy to a one count Information charging him with the online enticement of minors. He also agreed to forfeit various computer equipment.

In connection with his plea today, **ORTLOFF** admitted the following in a written plea agreement and during his plea proceeding:

At all times relevant herein, the defendant **GEORGE C. ORTLOFF** resided in Plattsburgh, New York, and worked in and around the Albany, New York area, which are located within the Northern District of New York. During his conduct in this matter, he utilized the telephone and a number of Internet Service Providers, including America Online (AOL). Any use of AOL by **ORTLOFF** involved wire transmissions between the Northern District of New York and the State of Virginia. **ORTLOFF** was born in 1947.

On or between June of 2008, and October 13, 2008, **ORTLOFF** communicated with whom he thought was the mother of two minor females, ages 11 and 12 from Albany County, and said “minors” directly. More specifically, he used the telephone and the services of Yahoo, Gmail, and AOL to

communicate with said mother and said minors. However, he was actually conversing with undercover agents with the New York State Police's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. While communicating with said individuals, ORTLOFF knowingly misrepresented his identity. During their conversations, ORTLOFF was informed that the "minors" were 11 and 12 years of age. ORTLOFF discussed engaging in various sexual acts with said "minors" while conversing with them online and on the telephone. More specifically, during their conversations, he indicated that he would like to meet these minors for the purpose of engaging in, among other things, vaginal intercourse, oral sex, and masturbation. ORTLOFF eventually communicated that he was interested in meeting said "minors", in part, for the purposes of engaging in, among other things, said sexual acts. A meeting was arranged by ORTLOFF to occur at a hotel room in Colonie, New York. On October 13, 2008, ORTLOFF drove to Colonie, New York to meet the individuals, who he thought were 11 and 12 year old girls, at a hotel room to engage in said sexual acts. He brought with him to said hotel, two vibrators, one for each of the minors, lubricant, and condoms. He was arrested at that time.

The sexual acts ORTLOFF attempted to engage in with said minors constitute violations of New York State Penal Law §§ 130.30(1), 130.45(1), 260.10(1) and 110.

On or about October 13, 2008, ORTLOFF'S Dell Inspiron 1000 laptop computer, s/n # 6DMY151, which was used to communicate with said minors, was seized from his hotel room pursuant to a warrant. In addition, ORTLOFF had previously provided the undercover investigator with a Creative webcam, Model # VF0230, s/n # CDVF0230706R06728P, which he had used or attempted to use to communicate with said minors. In addition, a Kodak Easy Share C533 camera, s/n # KCFFR63020489, which ORTLOFF planned to use to film said minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, was recovered from said hotel room. A PNY Optima Pro Attache flash drive, s/n # FAP2GBHCML9PJINP2-T, was also recovered. Defendant acknowledges that this computer, computer equipment, and said other items were used to commit and promote the commission of the offense found in Section 2422(b) of Title 18 which is charged in the Information.

ORTLOFF was arrested by members of the New York State Police on October 13, 2008, at a hotel in Colonie, New York.

Sentencing was scheduled by Judge McAvoy for April 23, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. in U.S. District Court in Binghamton, New York. If convicted, **ORTLOFF** faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years, a maximum penalty of life, and a fine of \$250,000.00.

The case was investigated by the New York State Police Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and Computer Crimes Unit, with assistance from the New York State Police Special Investigations Unit, New York State Police investigators working in the Ray Brook, Plattsburgh, and Loudonville barracks, and the New York State Attorney General's Office.

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