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NEWS RELEASE

Acting United States Attorney Andrew T. Baxter announced that MARK REMINGTON, 27, of Sauquoit, New York was sentenced in federal court today to 39 months in federal prison as a result of his September, 2008 guilty plea to the felony offense of possessing child pornography he had accessed over Internet. Hon. Frederick J. Scullin, Senior United States District Judge, also sentenced REMINGTON to serve a term of 10 years supervised release upon his release from imprisonment. REMINGTON will also be required to register as a sex offender.

In a written plea agreement filed in federal court, REMINGTON admitted that he had spent over \$1,300 to subscribe to websites that offered the child exploitative material. Over 700 images of child pornography were located on his computer as a result of a forensic examination.

REMINGTON's arrest was the result of an investigation by the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the New York State Police. The joint effort is a part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafefchildhood.gov/.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Lisa Fletcher, who can be reached at 448-0672.