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NEWS RELEASE

Acting United States Attorney Andrew T. Baxter, and John Pikus, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced that CHARLES A. WRIGHT, 64, of Fulton, New York was sentenced in federal court today to 262 months in federal prison as a result of his September, 2008 guilty plea to the felony offense of receiving and distributing child pornography in interstate commerce, by way of the Internet. Hon. Norman A. Mordue, Chief United States District Judge, also sentenced WRIGHT to serve a term of supervised release for the remainder of his life upon his release from imprisonment.

WRIGHT's arrest was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the New York State Police Computer Crime Unit. 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.