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TARRYTOWN POLICE OFFICER FOUND GUILTY BY U.S. JURY
OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND POSSESSION OF A MACHINE GUN

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that ANTHONY RYPKA, JR., a police officer in Tarrytown, New York, was found guilty today of receipt and distribution of child pornography, possession of child pornography, and possession of an illegal, unregistered fully automatic sub-machine gun after a one-week jury trial before United States District Judge COLLEEN MCMAHON. According to the Indictment and the evidence at trial:

RYPKA received and distributed computer files containing child pornography on June 12, 2006, and possessed computer files containing child pornography in September 2006. On June 12, 2006, RYPKA both received and sent images of child pornography from his e-mail address. In September 2006, the New York State Police recovered computer evidence, including a desktop computer and a thumb drive, from RYPKA's house in Tarrytown, New York. An examination of the desktop computer and the thumb drive showed they contained over 50 images of child pornography. Among the images found on the thumb drive were the two images that had been uploaded to RYPKA's email account on June 12, 2006 and several of the images that had been received by his email address that same day. RYPKA also possessed a fully automatic sub-machine gun in September 2006. The machine gun was not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

RYPKA was convicted of: (a) one count of distributing and receiving child pornography, which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years in prison; (b) one count of possessing child pornography, which carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison; (c) one count of possessing a machine gun, which carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison; and (d) one count of possessing a firearm not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and

Transfer Record, which carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison. Each count also carries a maximum fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the offense. Sentencing was scheduled for January 5, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. GARCIA praised the investigative efforts of the New York State Police, the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Assistant United States attorneys NICHOLAS L. McQUAID and CHRISTOPHER L. GARCIA are in charge of the prosecution.

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