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ROCHESTER MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON FOR POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- Brandon A. DeCapua, 21, of Rochester, NY, was sentenced this afternoon to ten years in prison to be followed by ten years on supervised release for possession of child pornography U.S. Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter of the Western District of New York announced today.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig R. Gestring, who handled the case, stated that the defendant was on probation for a 2007 conviction for Sexual Abuse involving a minor, when Monroe County Probation Officers discovered child pornography in his possession on January 29, 2008. He was arrested by Monroe County Probation Officers and Special Agents of the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), 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 to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

The plea was the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Lev Kubiak, and Officers of the Monroe County Probation Department, under the direction of Robert J. Burns.