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ROCHESTER MAN SENTENCED TO 135 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR RECEIPT OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- Acting United States Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter of the Western District of New York announced that **DAVID DOMM**, 49, of Rochester, NY, was sentenced to 135 months in Federal Prison to be followed by 25 years of supervised release by U.S. District Judge Charles J. Siragusa, after pleading to a felony charge of receipt of child pornography in April 2009. He was also fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig R. Gestring, who handled the case, stated that the defendant was identified by Federal Agents when he accessed a known child pornography website. In the course of the investigation, Agents conducted an interview with the defendant in which he admitted to possessing "thousands" of sexually explicit images of children, "many under 13". They seized two computers and several external hard drives the defendant used to store child pornography which he obtained over the internet. When one external hard drive would fill up, he would buy a larger drive and fill it with more images and movies. A forensic examination of these items found over 145,000 sexually explicit images of children.

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.projectsafefchildhood.gov.

The conviction 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.