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MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

BUFFALO, N.Y.--Henry Guzman, 29, of Buffalo, New York, pleaded guilty before Chief U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara, to a felony charge of Possession of Child Pornography, Acting U.S. Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter of the Western District of New York announced today. Possession of Child Pornography carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Aaron J. Mango, who handled the case, stated that on July 10, 2008, a Federal search warrant was executed for a residence at 233 E. Eagle Street, Buffalo, New York. During the search, agents recovered a Hitachi Deskstar 160GB hard drive, which contained 1542 images of child pornography that the defendant had possessed, received and traded over the internet using the file sharing programs Google Hello and uTorrent.

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 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 (ICE) , under the direction of Lev J. Kubiak, Special Agent In Charge.

Sentencing is scheduled for September 29, at 12:30 p.m. EST, in Buffalo, N.Y., in front of Chief U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara.