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ROCHESTER MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Douglas C. Tatner, II, 32, of Rochester, N.Y., was arrested and charged by Criminal Complaint with possession of child pornography. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tiffany H. Lee, who is handling the case, stated that in January 2012, a search warrant was executed at the defendant's former residence on Glide Street in Rochester by members of the FBI's Cyber Crimes Task Force. According to the Complaint, a witness reported seeing over 40 images of child pornography depicting children between the ages of 3 to 12 on Tatner's computer. Also according to the Complaint, Tatner admitted that he accessed and viewed images of child pornography on a daily basis. The defendant also admitted that he had an interest in viewing images of girls around 12 years old.

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 criminal complaint was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the FBI's Cyber Crimes Task Force, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge, Christopher M. Piehota. The Task Force includes the Rochester Police Department, under the direction of Chief James Sheppard.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.