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## **ROCHESTER MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR TRADING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- **JASONE. TUTTY**, age 37, of Rochester, NY, was sentenced to 168 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 February 2009, Acting United States Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter of the Western District of New York announced today. 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 who were investigating online trading of child pornography using file sharing software. Using this software, TUTTY engaged in online chats while simultaneously trading images of child pornography. The defendant admitted to trading images with as many as fifteen other individuals between August of 2005 and March of 2008. After his arrest, Federal Agents seized the defendant's computers and found almost 300 images of child pornography.

[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 \[www.projectsafechildhood.gov\]\(http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov\).](#)

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.