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PRESS RELEASE

Glenn T. Suddaby, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of New York, and William D. Chase, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Albany Division, announced today that **ABRAHAM PEARSON**, age 49, formerly of Niskayuna, New York, pled guilty in United States District Court in Albany before the Honorable Thomas J. McAvoy to twenty-one counts of the Indictment. These counts charged him, generally, with the production, distribution, receipt, and possession of child pornography. More specifically, he plead guilty to thirteen counts of producing child pornography involving two minors, one count of transporting child pornography across state lines, three counts of receiving child pornography, and three counts of possession of child pornography. In addition, he also pled guilty to failing to keep identification records of individuals he filmed in sexually explicit conduct. He also admitted a forfeiture allegation. The property forfeited includes his share of the residence he jointly owns with his former wife in Niskayuna, a Lincoln Navigator, a number of computers, cameras, and other computer related equipment.

In a written plea agreement and during his plea, **PEARSON** admitted the following:

Sometime in the Fall of 2002, he asked Jane Doe #1 to babysit his 9 year-old and two 5 year-old children. Jane Doe #1 had just turned 17 years of age in September of 2002. Beginning on November 29, 2002, when he was 45 years old, he began engaging in sexual acts with Jane Doe #1 on a regular basis. He filmed their sexual encounters in various rooms throughout his home beginning in November of 2002 and continuing until June of 2003. The sex acts captured on these tapes include oral and anal intercourse, as well as protected and unprotected vaginal intercourse. He also filmed Jane Doe #1 dressed in various outfits, including thigh high pantyhose, thong panties, high heeled shoes and lingerie. He gave Jane Doe #1 various sums of money in cash for the sexual acts she performed, which he filmed. He also gave her marijuana and cigarettes, and bought her clothing, jewelry, telephones and stereos.

Sometime in May of 2003, he also began engaging in sexual acts with Jane Doe #2 in the basement office of his home. Jane Doe #2 was 15 years old at the time. On at least one occasion, he picked this minor up in front of her high school prior to engaging in sexual acts. As with Jane Doe #1, he filmed himself engaging in oral and unprotected vaginal sex with this minor. He also filmed himself engaging in sexual activity with both Jane Doe #1 and Jane Doe #2 at the same time. As he had done with Jane Doe #1, he offered to and did pay Jane Doe #2 for performing

the sex acts that he videotaped.

From November 2002 to June 2003, he prepared customized DVDs containing selected portions of the sexually explicit footage that he had captured of Jane Does # 1 & 2. Despite creating this footage, he did not create or maintain identifiable records pertaining to the participants that verified he had ascertained, by examination of an identification document, the participants' names and dates of birth. In addition, throughout that time-period he sent sexually explicit video and still images of these minors to another individual in the State of Ohio. He also prepared a "demo" DVD containing two volumes of videos featuring himself and Jane Doe #1 engaging in sexually explicit conduct. This "demo" DVD was found in a United States Post Office mailing container that had not yet been addressed.

On June 13, 2003, a search warrant was executed at his home. Approximately 7 hard drives, with over 700 gigabytes of memory, were recovered from an office located within his home. In addition, numerous cameras, tripods, video cassette tapes, compact disks, and DVDs were recovered from his office. Computer disks containing images of Jane Does #1 and 2 were recovered from a safe located in a locked closet within his office. Forensic examination of the computers recovered has resulted in the recovery of hundreds of sexually explicit images of Jane Doe #1 and Jane Doe # 2. In addition, numerous DVDs and computer disks were seized. Hundreds of sexually explicit video images of Jane

Does # 1 & 2 were recovered from these items as well. He also appears in a majority of these images. Forensic examination also revealed that he visited internet sites whose names suggest that they cater to those interested in child pornography.

In addition, sexually explicit images of other minors were recovered from computer disks located in his office. He obtained these images by downloading them from the internet between the years 2000 and 2001. Finally, women's lingerie and other women's clothing were also recovered from this office.

In April of 2004, after his arrest and indictment and while residing in the home of his father in Manlius, New York, he reacquired still images and videos of Jane Doe #1 and Jane Doe #2 from the individual to whom he had sent them in Ohio prior to his arrest. The individual met him in the State of New York and hand-delivered computer disks containing the video and still images of Jane Doe #1 and Jane Doe #2. He uploaded the images from the disks to a portable laptop computer.

On December 1, 2005, a search warrant was executed at his father's home near Syracuse. Various computer equipment was again seized from him at that time. Forensic examination of the computers and related media recovered resulted in the identification of numerous files that were encrypted using Steganos encryption software. Review of the items seized on December 1, 2005 also revealed that sometime in the summer of 2004, he collected video recordings of females who are seen

stating their ages as “eighteen” and “eighteen and a half”. He planned to manipulate these recordings to make it look as though Jane Doe #1 and Jane #2 had made the recorded statements, referring to their own ages.

“The production of child pornography is a crime of violence and we will continue to investigate those who engage in the sexual exploitation of our children,” said William D. Chase. “This was a successful joint investigation in which the Albany Division of the FBI worked closely with state and local law enforcement entities,” added Chase.

Sentencing was scheduled by Judge McAvoy for October 10, 2006, at 11:30 A.M. in U.S. District Court in Albany. **PEARSON** faces a mandatory minimum penalty of 15 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.00. He was released pending his sentencing on a \$100,000.00 bond and other conditions that include electronic monitoring.

The case was investigated by the Niskayuna Police Department, the New York State Police, the Schenectady County District Attorney’s Office, the Broome County Government Security Division, the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Cyber Predator Task Force, and the Department of Justices’ Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section.

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