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DEKALB MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

ROCKFORD – A DeKalb, Ill. man was sentenced today in Federal Court for possessing child pornography that had crossed state lines. **DOMINICK PELLETIER**, 34, was ordered to serve 80 months in federal prison without parole, and 5 years of supervised release following his release from prison, by U.S. District Judge Frederick J. Kapala.

On August 16, 2011, Pelletier pled guilty to the charge. In a written plea agreement, Pelletier admitted he applied to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for employment as an intelligence analyst. As a part of the standard employment application process, Pelletier submitted to a polygraph examination at the FBI office in Chicago during August 2008. During a routine post polygraph interview with FBI agents, Pelletier admitted he thought he had trouble during the polygraph examination with a question relating to child pornography. Later during the interview, Pelletier admitted that there were images of child pornography on his computer at his home, and consented to a search of his computer. Pelletier admitted that a computer he owned contained images of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

The sentencing was announced by Patrick J. Fitzgerald, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and Robert D. Grant, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Office of Federal Bureau of Investigation. The DeKalb County Sheriff's Department assisted in the investigation.

The government was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael D. Love.

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