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Newfield Man Pleads Guilty to Possession of Child Pornography

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CAMDEN – A Newfield man pleaded guilty today to a one-count Information that charges him with possessing child pornography on his home computer, Acting U.S. Attorney Ralph J. Marra, Jr., announced.

Robert Kevin Carlino, 32, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Noel L. Hillman to one count of possession of child pornography. Judge Hillman continued the defendant's release on a \$50,000 bond, with the conditions of home confinement with electronic monitoring, pending sentencing which is scheduled for Nov. 24.

Carlino was originally arrested on Mar. 27, 2009, by Special Agents with the FBI's South Jersey Resident Agency and Investigators with the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office on a federal criminal Complaint. According to the Complaint, Carlino was a youth minister at the Malaga Assembly of God Church in Malaga from 2007 until the time of his arrest.

At his plea hearing, Carlino stated that on Mar. 17, 2009, law enforcement officers searched his home and seized two computers which belonged to him and which contained images of child pornography. Carlino admitted that he downloaded these images from e-mails sent to him by others and from various internet sites. The images were of persons under 18 years of age engaged in sexually explicit conduct, Carlino admitted.

According to the Complaint, Carlino used the computers to access an invitation only Internet forum called "Incest Taboo," which is a collection of links to various incest chatrooms and used primarily to share and comment on child pornography. The Complaint also alleged that Carlino downloaded onto one of his computer hard drives a folder that contained a total of 134 images of child pornography. According to the Complaint, all 134 of the images involve the same prepubescent female, who is a known victim (that is, a real child who has been identified by law enforcement officers and entered into the National Center of Missing and Exploited Children "NCMEC" database), and who was known to be approximately 9 years old at the time the images were taken.

The charge of possession of child pornography carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

In determining an actual sentence, Judge Hillman will consult the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all that time.

Marra credited Special Agents of the FBI's South Jersey Resident Agency, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Janice K. Fedarczyk in Philadelphia, and Investigators with the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office, under the direction of Prosecutor Sean F. Dalton, with the investigation leading to the guilty plea.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Diana V. Carrig of the U.S. Attorney's Office Criminal Division in Camden.

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