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Pine Hill Man Sentenced to 88 Months in Federal Prison for Possession of Child Pornography

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CAMDEN – A Pine Hill man was sentenced to 88 months in federal prison today on a one-count Information charging possession of child pornography, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

U.S. District Judge Joseph H. Rodriguez also ordered Dominick Flocco, 66, to pay a \$4,000 fine and to serve three years of supervised release upon the completion of his prison sentence.

At his plea hearing on June 21, 2006, Flocco admitted that as a result of a search warrant executed at his home on Jan. 12, 2005, two computers, printed paper images and floppy disks, which contained more than 600 images of child pornography, were seized by law enforcement officers. Flocco admitted that the computers and materials belonged to him, that they contained images of prepubescent minors under the age of 12 engaging in sexually explicit conduct and that certain images contained depictions of violence involving children. Flocco admitted that he had downloaded the images from various internet sites and from emails sent to him by others.

In determining the sentence, Judge Rodriguez consulted 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, was 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.

Christie credited Special Agents of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, under the direction of Inspector in Charge Thomas C. Van De Merlen, New Jersey Caribbean Division, for investigation of the case.

The Government is represented by Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Skahill of the U.S. Attorney's Office Criminal Division in Camden.

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