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## Bellmawr Man Admits Supplying Minor To Another Man for Sexual Activity

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CAMDEN – A Bellmawr man pleaded guilty today to a federal charge of transporting a minor across state lines for the purpose of having the minor engage in sexual acts with another man, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

Robert G. Pelle, 41, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Jerome B. Simandle to one count of transporting a minor in interstate commerce, knowing that the purpose of the travel was for that individual to engage in sexual activity; and one count of possession of child pornography. Judge Simandle continued the defendant's release on \$500,000 secured bond pending sentencing, which is scheduled for July 26.

At his plea hearing, Pelle admitted that during October 2003 he reached an agreement with another man to transport a male minor, under the age of 13, from New Jersey to New York for the purpose of having the minor engage in sexual activity with the other man. In November 2003, Pelle drove the minor to New York, at which time actual sexual contact between the minor and the adult male did occur, Pelle admitted.

Furthermore, Pelle admitted that during March 2004 he possessed images of child pornography which he obtained through the Internet. Pelle stated that he was aware that the images depicted real, prepubescent minors, who were displaying their genitals in a sexually suggestive manner.

The charge of transportation of a minor in interstate commerce carries a statutory mandatory minimum penalty of five years and a maximum penalty of 30 years. The charge of possession of child pornography carries a maximum statutory penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Christie credited Special Agents of the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Kyle Hutchins, with the investigation of Pelle.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. AttorneyS Philip James Degnan and Karl H. Buch of the Criminal Division in Newark.

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