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## PRESS RELEASE

Albany, New York —United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian and James Parmley, U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of New York, announced that ALEXANDER McCLENTON, age 34, of Hapeville, Georgia, was sentenced on November 12, 2010 by the Honorable Thomas J. McAvoy in Federal District Court in Albany on his guilty plea to count one of an Indictment charging him with failing to update his New York State sex offender registration information in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2250(a).

McCLENTON was sentenced to time served and supervised release for a term of five years.

McCLENTON pled guilty on September 10, 2010. In connection with his plea, McCLENTON admitted the following in a written plea agreement and during his plea proceeding:

- a. On or about May 14, 1996 ALEXANDER McCLENTON was convicted in New Jersey Superior Court of the felony offense of Endangering the Welfare of a Child in violation of Section 2C:24-4a of the New Jersey Code of Criminal Justice. This statute makes it a crime to engage in "sexual conduct" with a child under the age of 16 that "would impair or debauch the morals of the child." McCLENTON was sentenced to four years of probation. Under the laws of New Jersey (as well as the laws of New York State and Georgia if McCLENTON resided in either of these two states), McCLENTON was required to register as a sex offender upon his conviction, and to update his sex offender registration information if he changed addresses. In addition, as a result of this conviction, McCLENTON was required to register under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act.
- b. McCLENTON initially registered as a sex offender in the State of New Jersey and then moved to the State of Georgia wherein he also registered as a sex offender. McCLENTON'S last updating of his address information in Georgia occurred on or about May 15, 2006 wherein he notified the Georgia Bureau of Investigation that he was moving from an address in College Park,

Georgia to New York State. McCLENTON did register as a sex offender in the State of New York using the New York State Sex Offender Registration Form. This form explained McCLENTON's duties as a sex offender and advised McCLENTON that he would be required to notify the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in writing of any change of home address within ten days before moving, and that if he moved to another state, he would be required to register in the new state within ten days of establishing residence. Subsequent to submitting the New York State Sex Offender Registration Form, McCLENTON, on February 26, 2007, signed and filed a New York State Sex Offender Change of Address Form. On this form McCLENTON indicated that effective January 1, 2007, McCLENTON had moved from an address within the City of Albany, to 73 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Troy, New York, and that he understood all of his duties as a sex offender, including his duty to notify authorities of a change in his address.

c. McCLENTON resided at 73 6<sup>th</sup> Street, in Troy, New York for a period of time, and then in about March, 2008 moved to a residence at 3 Bleecker Terrace in Albany, New York. McCLENTON maintains that while living at the residence at 3 Bleecker Terrace in Albany, New York he twice updated his registration materials as required, however, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services is unaware of any such filings. Nevertheless, in early January, 2010, McCLENTON moved from his residence at 3 Bleecker Terrace and traveled to Hapeville, Georgia. Once in Hapeville, Georgia, McCLENTON, on or about March 1, 2010, entered into a six-month residential lease for an apartment located at 510 King Arnold Street, Apt K4, Hapeville, Georgia. The aforementioned address is where McCLENTON lived from about March 2010 to about June 7, 2010. On June 7, 2010 federal investigators executed a search warrant at the aforementioned residence wherein McCLENTON was physically located inside of the apartment. Also located within the apartment were various articles of clothing and personal effects belonging to McCLENTON.

d. New York's most recent sex offender registry records show the defendant signing and submitting the New York State change of address form on February 26, 2007 in which the defendant indicated he had moved from an address within the city of Albany to 73 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Troy, New York. This latter address is the most current address the sex offender registries in New York, New Jersey or Georgia have for the defendant.

e. Records show that from February, 2007 up until June 7, 2010 (the date on which McCLENTON was arrested by federal authorities for the instant offense) McCLENTON did not update his registration information in New York, New Jersey or Georgia. McCLENTON knowingly failed to update his registration information in New York, New Jersey and Georgia.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Marshals Service.

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