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PRESS RELEASE

Richard S. Hartunian, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, and Lev J. Kubiak, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) - Buffalo, make the following announcement:

As a result of an investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Joseph Green, 31, of Edmeston, Otsego County, New York, was charged Tuesday, March 8, 2011, in federal court, Binghamton, with Receipt, Distribution, and Possession of Child Pornography.¹ The defendant appeared before United States Magistrate Judge George H. Lowe, who ordered the defendant released under the supervision of the United States Department of Probation.

The criminal complaint alleges that the defendant, on June 13th, October 15th and 16th, 2010, possessed and distributed child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A. The complaint further alleges that the defendant, on the above dates, distributed child pornography to law enforcement agencies conducting undercover operations over the internet. The undercover operations were conducted by the Strugeon Bay, Wisconsin, Police Department, under the direction of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Wisconsin State Task Force, and by

¹ The complaint is only an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). The investigation by ICE/HSI was part of Operation Predator, a nationwide ICE initiative to protect children from sexual predators, including persons involved with the possession, receipt, and distribution of child pornography by way of the internet.

In connection with the investigation, a search warrant was executed at Green's residence on Tuesday morning by ICE/HSI Special Agents, with assistance by the New York State Police. Green was present at the time, and was charged by felony complaint later that day in federal court.

The defendant faces a maximum sentence of imprisonment of 20 years, a mandatory minimum penalty of 5 years imprisonment, and a maximum fine of \$250,000. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas P. Walsh. Further inquiries may be directed to the United States Attorney's Office, Binghamton branch office, at (607) 773-2887.