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PRESS RELEASE

Albany, New York —United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian and Patrick Coultry, Resident Agent in Charge of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, announced that FRANK FERRIS, age 53, of Ballston Spa, New York, was sentenced on April 11, 2011 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 the possession of child pornography. FERRIS was sentenced to 30 months of imprisonment and supervised release for a term of 25 years. He was also ordered to: (1) have no unsupervised contact with minors; and (2) register with the New York State Sex Offender Registry Program. The Court also ordered that a computer be forfeited to the United States.

FERRIS pled guilty on November 23, 2010. In connection with his plea, FERRIS admitted the following in a written plea agreement and during his plea proceeding:

Between about May, 2008 and September, 2009, FERRIS, while in his residence, used his Dell Inspiron 530 desktop computer to access the Internet. While on the Internet FERRIS visited child pornography websites. While visiting the child pornography websites, FERRIS viewed, downloaded and possessed child pornography by purchasing access to electronic still images and videos depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, and by accessing said images and videos for free. In particular, on or about May 18, 2008, FERRIS used his credit card bearing account number xxxx-xxxx-xxxx-0888 to pay \$79.99 for access to the contents of a child pornography website advertised as "Pedo -----." This website required a purchaser to provide the purchaser's e-mail address and FERRIS gave the e-mail address of f-----@rr.nycap.com. After viewing still images and videos of child pornography on various dates and through various websites, FERRIS then downloaded and saved a number of these still images and videos to his computer in order to view them on later dates.

On September 11, 2009 investigators executed a federal search warrant at FERRIS' residence in Saratoga, New York. The computer referenced above was seized and searched. A forensic examination of the computer, which belonged to the Defendant, was conducted. Ten still images which depict minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, as those terms and phrases are defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(2), were recovered from the computer.

On September 11, 2009 FRANK FERRIS was interviewed by law enforcement officials. FERRIS advised investigators that during the pertinent time frame, while living at his residence in Saratoga, New York:

- i. He used the e-mail addresses of f-----@rr.nycap.com and b-----@rr.nycap.com;
- ii. He was the only person living in his apartment and he was the only person who used the Dell Inspiron 530 computer located in the apartment; and
- iii. He owned a JP Morgan Chase credit card with account number xxxx-xxxx-xxxx-0888.

This case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Albany, New York.

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