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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 BRIAN GLEASON, age 26, of Valatie, 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 Information charging him with the possession of child pornography. GLEASON was sentenced to 18 months of imprisonment and supervised release for a term of ten 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.

GLEASON pled guilty on June 15, 2010. In connection with his plea, GLEASON admitted the following in a written plea agreement and during his plea proceeding:

Between about April, 2006 and January 30, 2008, GLEASON, while in his residence, used his Dell Dimension 300 computer to access the Internet. While on the internet GLEASON visited child pornography websites and either purchased access to electronic still images and videos depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct or accessed said images and videos for free. After viewing said images and videos, GLEASON then downloaded and saved these still images and videos to his computer in order to view them on later dates.

On January 30, 2008 investigators conducted an interview of GLEASON at GLEASON's residence in Valatie. Investigators then obtained GLEASON's consent to search his computer. The aforementioned computer was searched and a forensic examination of the computer, which belonged to the Defendant, was conducted. Approximately 100 still images and nine (9) movie files 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 Dell Dimension 300 computer. Said images depict individuals under the age of

18 engaged in, among other things, vaginal sex, oral sex, anal sex, sado-masochistic conduct, masturbation and the lascivious exhibition of the genitals and pubic area. All of the images recovered depict actual, as opposed to computer generated, images of minors engaged in such conduct.

On or about January 30, 2008 GLEASON was interviewed by law enforcement officials. During this interview, he stated, among other things, that:

- i. He used the aforesaid computer to search for and access child pornography via websites on the Internet;
- ii. On one occasion he used his PayPal account to purchase access to a child pornography website;
- iii. His interests were in children between the ages of 12 and 18; and
- iv. That he had been accessing and downloading child pornography from the internet for several years.

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

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