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NEWS RELEASE

Richard S. Hartunian, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, announced today that **JESSE REED**, age 30, of North Syracuse, New York, entered two felony pleas in U.S. District Court in Syracuse, New York, before the Honorable Norman A. Mordue, Chief U.S. District Judge. **REED** admitted to using the unencrypted wireless signal being broadcast from his neighbor's router to connect **REED's** computer to the internet where **REED** downloaded and received images and videos of child pornography in violation of 18 U.S.C. §2252 A(a)(2)(A). This offense carries a mandatory minimum sentence of five years incarceration, and a maximum term of twenty years, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release of not less than five years and up to life.

REED also entered a second felony plea admitting that he knowingly possessed and attempted to possess and access with intent to view material that contained an image or images of child pornography in violation of 18 U.S.C. §2252 A(a)(5)(B). This offense carries a maximum term of incarceration of ten years, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release of not less than five years and up to life. He will be required to register as a sex offender.

Sentencing has been set for August 25, 2011, in Syracuse, New York.

This case was investigated by the Syracuse Police Department, with assistance by the Onondaga County District Attorney's Office, as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify

and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafecchildhood.gov.

Further information regarding this case can be obtained by contacting Assistant U.S. Attorney Tamara B. Thomson at (315) 448-0672.