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[Plattsburgh, New York]—United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian announces that Aaron Martinez has pled guilty to Production of Child Pornography.

On May 10, 2011, Martinez pled guilty to Count 1 of a two count indictment charging him with Production of Child Pornography in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a). Martinez, a resident of Saranac Lake, New York, was initially charged by criminal complaint on December 15, 2010. On January 12, 2011, a Federal grand jury indicted Martinez on charges of Production of Child Pornography and Possession of Child Pornography in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(5)(B). Martinez's plea of guilty to Production of Child Pornography subjects him to a maximum term of imprisonment of thirty (30) years, a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of fifteen (15) years and at least five (5) years of supervised release. Martinez will also be required to register as a sex offender.

Pursuant to a written plea agreement, Martinez admitted that on or about May 20 and May 21, 2010, he sexually assaulted a three year-old female. Martinez utilized a Flip Video camera and filmed himself sexually assaulting the three year-old female.

Subsequent to his plea of guilty, the Honorable Norman A. Mordue, United States District Court Judge, ordered Martinez to remain in custody pending sentencing. Sentencing is currently set for September 25, 2011. The prosecution of Martinez was the result of a joint investigation with

Homeland Security Investigations, the Plattsburgh Police Department and the Clinton County District Attorney's Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel C. Gardner. Inquiries may be directed to Deputy Criminal Chief William C. Pericak, at (518) 431-0247 and Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel C. Gardner, at (518) 314-7800.