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**NEWS RELEASE**

United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian announced that WAYNE S. BEARDSLEY, age 43, of Auburn, New York was sentenced in federal court today pursuant to his earlier convictions for child pornography offenses.

BEARDSLEY pled guilty in January 2011 to knowingly receiving and possessing child pornography via the Internet. In December 2009 BEARDSLEY was discovered accessing child pornography on library computers at Cayuga Community College by library staff who found images of child pornography on a library laptop computer BEARDSLEY had been using. Investigation by the Auburn Police Department confirmed that images depicting child pornography were located on two laptop computers that BEARDSLEY had signed out at the library.

BEARDSLEY was sentenced this morning by United States District Court Judge Hon. Glenn T. Suddaby to concurrent terms of imprisonment of 15 years on each of the two counts of conviction. Following his term of incarceration BEARDSLEY will be placed on supervised release for the remainder of his life. He will also be required to register as a sex offender.

BEARDSLEY'S arrest is the result of an investigation by the Auburn Police Department, with assistance from the Utica Police Department Digital Forensics Laboratory, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lisa Fletcher, who can be reached at 448-0672.

BEARDSLEY was prosecuted by the United States 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.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).