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NEWS RELEASE

Richard S. Hartunian, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, announced today that **MICHAEL P. GEARY**, age 56, of Utica, New York, was sentenced on July 27, 2011, in U.S. District Court in Syracuse, New York, before the Honorable Glenn T. Suddaby, U.S. District Court Judge. On February 7, 2011, **GEARY**, a former maintenance mechanic with the United States Postal Service, admitted to using a government computer at the Utica, N.Y. post office, to search for, receive, and view child pornography in violation of 18 U.S.C. §2252A(a)(2)(A) and(a)(5)(B).

As a result of his pleas to the receipt of child pornography and possession of child pornography, **GEARY** was sentenced to 70 months incarceration for each count, to run concurrently with each other. Upon **GEARY**'s release, he will be on supervised release for 20 years. **GEARY** will be required to register as a sex offender and undergo sex offender treatment. **GEARY** was also ordered to pay a special assessment of \$200.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General, with assistance by the Utica Police Department, and Oneida 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.projectsafekchildhood.gov.

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