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## DEFENDANT WHO POSSESSED CHILD PORNOGRAPHY PLEADS GUILTY

## Defendant Pleads Guilty to Possessing Numerous Videos of Child Pornography

Albany, New York —United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian and Joseph D'Amico, Superintendent of New York State Police, announced that, JOSEPH MAIELLO, age 22, of Colonie, New York, pled guilty on September 13, 2011 in United States District Court in Albany before District Judge Thomas J. McAvoy to one count of possessing child pornography.

MAIELLO admitted that beginning in about October 2009 and continuing until about January 21, 2010, he obtained numerous still images and videos of child pornography from a variety of sources including other individuals and websites. MAIELLO further admitted that once he obtained said images, he saved some of them onto his computer and an external hard drive.

Sentencing was scheduled by Judge McAvoy for January 11, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. in U.S. District Court in Albany, New York. MAIELLO faces a maximum penalty of 10 years of imprisonment and a \$250,000.00 fine. MAIELLO was released pending his sentencing.

This case was investigated by the New York State Police.

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