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[Plattsburgh, New York]—United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian announces today that AARON MARTINEZ, age 27, of Saranac, New York, was sentenced to 360 months imprisonment and a term of supervised release of life on Wednesday, October 12, 2011, by United States District Judge Norman A. Mordue in Albany, New York.

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 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).

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 and filmed the assault with a Flip Video camera.

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 was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel C. Gardner. Inquiries may be directed to Deputy Criminal Chief William C. Pericak at (518) 431-0247 or Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel C. Gardner at (518) 314-7800.