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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian announced that JOHN DERRIGO, age 61, of Adams Center, New York was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in Syracuse following his earlier guilty plea in October 2010 to knowingly receiving and possessing child pornography via the Internet. United States District Court Judge Glenn T. Suddaby sentenced DERRIGO to concurrent terms of imprisonment of 150 months imprisonment years on each of the two counts of conviction. Following his term of incarceration DERRIGO will be placed on supervised release for 15 years. He will also be required to register as a sex offender.

DERRIGO's arrest came after law enforcement discovered that a computer at his residence was offering child pornography for downloading by others on the Internet. In his guilty plea, DERRIGO admitted that he had engaged in file-sharing, and that at the time of his arrest had collected video and image files depicting children engaged in sexually explicit conduct, including depictions of pre-pubescent minors, and images that portray sadistic or masochistic conduct, or other depictions of violence.

DERRIGO'S arrest is the result of an investigation by the New York State Police, 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.

DERRIGO 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.