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ONEIDA COUNTY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

Syracuse, New York —United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian announced that BRETT SALMON, 42, of the Town of Lee, Oneida County, pled guilty today before United States District Judge Hon. Glenn T. Suddaby to all counts of a six count indictment charging him with child pornography offenses. As a part of his guilty plea SALMON admitted to sexually abusing a minor female child at his residence, and on four separate occasions in 2010 and 2011, producing video and images of the abuse. He also admitted to downloading other child pornography he received through Internet searches, and to possessing child pornography on his computer and on a floppy disk seized from his residence. In addition to the produced videos and images of the child he abused, SALMON admitted that he possessed 107 other images of child pornography obtained mainly from the Internet.

SALMON's sentencing is scheduled for August 1, 2012. On each of the four counts of producing child pornography of the victim of his sexual abuse SALMON faces mandatory minimum sentences of 25 years, and maximum sentences of 50 years. He also faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years, and a maximum sentence of 40 years for his receipt of child pornography from the Internet, and a mandatory minimum of 10 years, and maximum of 20 years for the possession of child pornography on his computer and floppy disk. Following any term of incarceration SALMON will be required to be on supervised release for a minimum of 5 years, and up to life. He also faces fines of up to \$250,000 on each count of conviction, and will be required to register as a sex offender.

SALMON's arrest was the result of an investigation by the Oneida County District Attorney's Office - Child Advocacy Center, and the Utica Police Department. The federal charges are being prosecuted by AUSA Lisa Fletcher as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice, and led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), 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 to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafefchildhood.gov.