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ONONDAGA COUNTY MAN RECEIVES 42 YEARS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND ATTEMPTED ESCAPE

Syracuse, New York United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian, and Nick DiNicola, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) announced that SCOTT R. PETRIE, 47, of Jamesville, New York was sentenced today in United States District Court to concurrent terms of 40 years imprisonment on each of four counts of distributing child pornography over the Internet. In addition, PETRIE received a 2 year consecutive sentence for attempting to escape from the Tioga County Jail where he was incarcerated following his arrest on the child pornography offenses.

In his earlier guilty plea, PETRIE admitted that he had distributed child pornography on four separate occasions to three different undercover police officers working different investigations in Beaumont, Texas, Hinesville Georgia, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Following a search warrant executed at PETRIE's Jamesville residence by federal and state authorities in January, 2011, forensic analysis confirmed that he had been actively trading child pornography with numerous individuals over the Internet using the screen name "ilovelittlegirls." Analysis also recovered a collection of over 4,000 image files and over 560 video files containing child pornography, including those depicting prepubescent children and sadistic, masochistic, or other acts of violence, including babies being raped vaginally and anally, and children bound and gagged.

United States District Judge Hon. Norman A. Mordue also imposed a lifetime term of supervised release. PETRIE, who committed this offense as a Level 3 registered sex offender, will, as a result of this conviction, also have a federal obligation to register with authorities upon any release from imprisonment.

"All children have an absolute right to grow up free from the fear of being sexually exploited," said DiNicola. "While this sentence cannot repair the permanent damage done to the children depicted in these images, it should serve as a warning to those who engage in this behavior: HSI and our partners will be relentless in our pursuit of online predators."

PETRIE'S initial arrest was the result of investigation by the Beaumont, Texas Police Department, the Liberty County Sheriff's Office in Hinesville, Georgia, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. These three separate investigations were then coordinated locally by Homeland Security Investigations/Immigration and Customs Enforcement with assistance from the New York State Police, and prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office in the Northern District of New York as a part of Project Safe Childhood. PETRIE'S attempted escape was investigated by the Tioga County Sheriff's Department and the United States

Marshals Service. PETRIE was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Lisa Fletcher who can be reached at 315-448-0672.

Project Safe Childhood is 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.projectsafchildhood.gov.