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**U.S. ARRESTS FEDERAL EMPLOYEE FOR DOWNLOADING CHILD
PORNOGRAPHY ON HIS GOVERNMENT COMPUTER**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and DANIEL J. WALSH, Special Agent in Charge of the New York Field Office of the General Services Administration ("GSA"), Office of Inspector General, announced that EDWARD FEUER, a GSA employee, was arrested today on charges that he used his Government computer at 26 Federal Plaza to download child pornography. According to the Complaint filed today in Manhattan federal court:

FEUER is a Contract Specialist and 20-year employee of GSA who works at 26 Federal Plaza in Manhattan. GSA investigators learned from German law enforcement officers that child pornography had been downloaded to a Government computer. Upon further investigation, GSA discovered that the computer was assigned to FEUER, and that he had downloaded from a German website at least 124 images of child pornography, including graphic pictures of sexual activity involving children and at least one infant. Using computer monitoring software, the GSA also determined that FEUER continued to access child pornography through July 2007. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, at least six of the images downloaded to FEUER's computer depicted known victims of child pornography.

FEUER is charged with one count of possessing child pornography in a U.S. Government building, and possessing child pornography that had been transported in interstate commerce. If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum prison term of 10 years.

The defendant is scheduled to appear before United States Magistrate Judge RONALD L. ELLIS in Manhattan federal court later today.

Mr. GARCIA praised the investigative efforts of the GSA Office of Inspector General.

Assistant United States Attorney DAVID A. O'NEIL is in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Complaint are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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