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PUTNAM COUNTY ATTORNEY PLEADS GUILTY
TO POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

LEV L. DASSIN, the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that ROBERT GROEZINGER, an attorney in Patterson, New York, pleaded guilty today before United States District Judge STEPHEN C. ROBINSON in White Plains federal court to Count Two of an Indictment charging him with possession of computer files containing images of child pornography. GROEZINGER, age 53, faces a maximum prison term of 10 years, a maximum fine of \$250,000 or twice the gain or loss resulting from his crime, and the imposition of three years of supervised release. GROEZINGER has been remanded pending sentencing before Judge ROBINSON on October 27, 2009.

GROEZINGER's arrest was part of Operation Predator, a comprehensive initiative of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) aimed at those who prey on children, including human traffickers, international sex tourists, Internet pornographers, and foreign national predators whose crimes make them deportable. Since the initiative was launched in July of 2003, over 11,000 individuals have been arrested for such offenses nationwide.

Mr. DASSIN praised the efforts of ICE in connection with this investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney ANNA M. SKOTKO is in charge of the prosecution.

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