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**SPANISH NATIONAL SENTENCED IN MANHATTAN FEDERAL COURT
TO 30 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR POSSESSION
OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that JOSE ANTONIO ORTEGA-OSONA was sentenced today in Manhattan federal court by United States District Judge PAUL G. GARDEPHE to 30 months in prison for possessing child pornography.

According to the charging documents, court papers, and statements made by ORTEGA-OSONA during his guilty plea to the charge against him:

On May 15, 2009, acting on information provided by Canadian authorities, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") agents conducted a search at ORTEGA-OSONA's residence in Manhattan and found images and video clips of child pornography on his laptop computer and external storage drives. Subsequent forensic uncovered more than 4800 images and 100 video clips contained therein.

ORTEGA-OSONA, 41, previously pleaded guilty on August 24, 2009, to one count of possessing child pornography transported in interstate and foreign commerce.

In addition to the prison term, Judge GARDEPHE sentenced ORTEGA-OSONA to 5 years of supervised release and ordered him to pay a fine in the amount of \$12,500. As a condition of supervised release, ORTEGA-OSONA must obey the immigration laws and comply with the directives of immigration authorities upon the conclusion of his term of imprisonment.

Mr. BHARARA praised the work of ICE, and the assistance of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Halifax Regional Police and the Canada Border Services Agency, in connection with this investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney NIKETH VELAMOOR of the Office's General Crimes Unit is in charge of the prosecution.