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## **HENRIETTA PASTOR SENTENCED FOR VICTIMIZING A CHILD**

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Joe N. Flowers, Jr., 42, of Henrietta, N.Y., who was convicted of transporting a minor with the intent to engage in criminal sexual activity, was sentenced to 84 months in prison and 20 years supervised release by U.S. District Judge David G. Larimer. The sentence will be served consecutive to a state sentence the defendant is currently serving.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Marisa J. Miller, who handled the case, stated that the defendant, a minister, transported a minor from Rochester, N.Y. to Orlando, FL with the intent of engaging in criminal sexual activity. Specifically, in June 2004, Flowers drove a child, who was then younger than 15 years old, to Florida to visit an amusement park. While in Florida, the defendant engaged in sexual activity with the child, in violation of state law.

This case was brought 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. 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](http://www.projectsafchildhood.gov).

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, under

the direction of Special Agent In Charge James C. Spero, and members of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, under the direction of Sheriff Patrick O'Flynn.

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