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LOCKPORT MAN SENTENCED FOR RECEIPT OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

BUFFALO, N.Y. - U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Harold N. Hasse, 56, of Lockport, N.Y., who was convicted of receipt of child pornography, was sentenced to seven years in prison and 10 years supervised release by Chief U.S. District Judge William M. Skretny.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Edward H. White, who handled the case, stated that in June 2009, the Niagara County Sheriff's Department executed a search warrant at the defendant's Dysinger Road apartment and seized Hasse's computer. A forensic examination revealed that the computer contained 266 videos and 118 images of child pornography.

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.projectsafechildhood.gov.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent-In-Charge Christopher M. Piehota, the New York State Police, under the direction of Major Christopher Cummings, and the Niagara County Sheriff's Department, under the direction of Sheriff James Votour. Additional assistance was provided by the Western New York Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory, which conducted the forensic analysis of the defendant's computer.

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