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WAYNE COUNTY MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CASE

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Steven Lewis, 39, of Ontario, N.Y., pleaded guilty to possession of child pornography before U.S. District Judge David G. Larimer. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tiffany H. Lee, who is handling the case, stated that the defendant possessed over 600 images of child pornography on each of at least two computers in his possession. Lewis received and distributed the images using file-sharing software. The images depicted prepubescent children and some images involved violence against violence. The pornography was recovered after a search warrant was executed by members of the New York State Police's Computer Crimes Unit at the residence the defendant shared with his father on Knickerbocker Road Unit. A search warrant was obtained after an investigator was able to download images of child pornography from the Internet Protocol address subscribed by the defendant.

The plea is the culmination of an investigation on the part of the FBI's Cyber Crimes Task Force under the direction of Christopher M. Piehota, Special Agent in Charge, and the New York State Police's Computer Crimes Unit under the direction of Captain Frank Pace.

The sentence is scheduled for October 5, 2012 at 11 a.m. before Judge Larimer.

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