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PROJECT SAFE CHILDHOOD

ROCHESTER MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: Gene Labrie, 49, of Rochester, NH pled guilty to one count of possession of child pornography in violation of federal law.

The investigation began in 2008 when the FBI obtained information that Labrie had purchased images of child pornography from an individual overseas. Labrie was interviewed by agents of the FBI and admitted to possessing images of child pornography which he had collected over several years. A search of his computer revealed hundreds of 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 U.S. 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.projectsafefchildhood.gov.

The defendant will be sentenced on October 19, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. Labrie faces up to ten years in federal prison and will then be supervised by U.S. Probation for a term of up to life.

This prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Helen White Fitzgibbon.

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