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MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO PRODUCING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- Richard Florack, age 55, of Marion, NY, pleaded guilty on September 15, 2008, before U.S. District Judge David G. Larimer, to a felony information charging him with one count of production of child pornography, U.S. Attorney Terrance P. Flynn of the Western District of New York announced today. The production of child pornography charge carries a mandatory minimum penalty of 10 years and a maximum penalty of 20 years imprisonment, and a fine of \$250,000.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tiffany H. Lee, who handled the case, stated that in February 2008, the Wayne County Sheriff's Office received a complaint regarding a videotape that was discovered by relatives of the defendant. The videotape depicted the defendant engaging in sexually explicit conduct with an 8 to 10 month old infant. Further investigation led to the discovery that the tape was most likely made sometime between December 2001 and January 2002.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, the Department of Justice created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices, 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 identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

The plea was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, under the direction of Sheriff Richard Piscioti, the Wayne County District Attorney's Office, under the direction of District Attorney Richard Healy and Special Agents of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Lev Kubiak.

Sentencing is scheduled for December 18, 2008, in Rochester, NY, in front of U.S. District Judge David G. Larimer.

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