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## **DEPEW MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- TIMOTHY SCHEIFLA, 41, of Depew, New York, pleaded guilty before U.S. Chief District Judge Richard J. Arcara, to a felony charge of possession of child pornography, Acting U.S. Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter of the Western District of New York announced today. Possession of child pornography carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney John E. Rogowski, who handled the case, stated that the defendant was identified by agents of the United States Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"), as an individual who attempted to make a purchase from an internet site that sold child pornography. In May, 2006, ICE special agents obtained a search warrant for the defendant's residence. The agents seized a number of computer hard drives and related items which contained over 400 images of child pornography and 2 videos depicting child pornography. The defendant has remained in custody since his arrest on July 22, 2008.

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.projectsafefchildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafefchildhood.gov).

The plea was the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the the United States Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, under the direction of Lev Kubiak, Special Agent in Charge of the Buffalo Office.

Sentencing is scheduled for September 8, 2009, at 1:00 EDT, in Buffalo, N.Y., in front of U.S. Chief District Judge Arcara.

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