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## **HENRIETTA MAN ON STATE PROBATION FOR POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON**

ROCHESTER, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced that VERYL BAKER, 61, of Henrietta, N.Y., was sentenced to 10 years in prison for possession of child pornography. U.S. District Court Judge David G. Larimer also sentenced BAKER to 10 years of supervised release and required him to register as a sex offender. BAKER pled guilty in Federal Court to one count of possession of child pornography in May of 2011.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig R. Gestring, who handled the case, stated that Baker was convicted of possession of child pornography in Cortland County, New York in 2008 and sentenced to probation. Following his conviction, BAKER moved to Monroe County, and the Monroe County Probation Office took over his supervision. In January 2010, Probation Officers found child pornography on the defendant's computer and reported this to the Monroe County Sheriff's Office and Homeland Security Investigations. A search warrant was obtained, and several hundred images of child pornography were found on the defendants computer.

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 sentencing was the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge James C. Spero, Deputies from the Monroe County Sheriff's Office under the direction of Sheriff Patrick O'Flynn, and Officers of the Monroe County Probation Department, under the direction of Robert J. Burns.