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## **CANANDAIGUA MAN SENTENCED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGE**

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Michael Clark, 32, of Canandaigua, N.Y., who was convicted of possession of child pornography, was sentenced to 36 months in prison and 15 years supervised release by U.S. District Judge David G. Larimer.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tiffany H. Lee, who is handling the case, stated that on February 9, 2011, a search warrant was executed at Clark's residence on Chapel Street by members of the New York State Police Computer Crimes Unit. The search warrant occurred after an undercover investigator was able to download images of child pornography from an Internet Protocol address assigned to the Chapel Street location. The defendant admitted to knowingly possessing child pornography and admitted to using file-sharing software and having child pornography images available to be shared. Some of the images possessed by Clark depicted prepubescent children.

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 is the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Cyber Crimes Task Force, which includes the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, under the direction of Sheriff Patrick O'Flynn, and Special Agents of the FBI, under

the direction of Christopher M. Piehota, Special Agent in Charge, and the New York State Police Computer Crimes Unit under the direction of Captain Frank Pace.

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