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## **BATAVIA MAN ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

BUFFALO, N.Y. - U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Jeffrey Wawrzyniak, 39, of Batavia, N.Y., was arrested and charged by Criminal Complaint with possession of child pornography. The charge carries a maximum penalty of ten years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Russell T. Ippolito, Jr., who is handling the case, stated that Special Agents from the Department of Homeland Security downloaded computer images depicting child pornography that Wawrzyniak made available to others on the internet through a peer to peer computer sharing program. Agents then obtained a search warrant and seized the defendant's computer. A forensic examination revealed that Wawrzyniak possessed more than 700 images of child pornography and four videos containing child pornography.

The defendant is being detained pending a detention hearing on April 3, 2012 before Magistrate Judge H. Kenneth Schroeder.

The Criminal Complaint is the result of an investigation by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge, James C. Spero.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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