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MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

Rochester, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Raymond Murphy, 48, formerly of Brockport, NY, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Charles J. Siragusa, to receipt of child pornography, possession of child pornography and obstruction of a federal investigation. The charges carry a mandatory minimum penalty of five years in prison and a maximum of 10 years.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Marisa J. Miller, who is handling the case, stated that the defendant received images of child pornography over the internet on eight items of digital media he owned, including computers, hard drives and removable media. The images included prepubescent children, as well as depictions of violence against children. Murphy admitted to attempting to alter, destroy or mutilate digital media after learning of the investigation being conducted by Homeland Security Investigations.

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.

The plea is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, under the direction of Special Agent In Charge Lev Kubiak.

Sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 4, 2011, at 3:45 p.m. EST, in Rochester, N.Y., before Judge Siragusa.

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