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ROCHESTER MAN SENTENCED IN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CASE

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Timothy Nihill, 47, of Rochester, N.Y., who was convicted of possessing child pornography, was sentenced to three years in prison and 20 years supervised release by U.S. District Judge Charles J. Siragusa.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Marisa J. Miller, who handled the case, stated that the defendant possessed more than 600 images of child pornography, which were found on computers and other digital media he owned. The images included children under the age of 12 and depictions of violence against 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.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge James C. Spero.

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