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HENRIETTA MAN CHARGED WITH DISTRIBUTION AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

ROCHESTER, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Bradley W. Pattee, 45, of Henrietta, N.Y., was arrested and charged by Criminal Complaint with distribution and possession of child pornography. The charges carry a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in prison, a maximum of 20, a \$500,000 fine or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Marisa J. Miller, who is handling the case, stated that according to the Complaint, the defendant distributed images of child pornography over an online file sharing program. Thereafter, Pattee was found to be in possession of images of child pornography following the execution of a search warrant at his residence.

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.projectsafechildhood.gov.

The complaint was 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 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.