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MAN ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

BUFFALO, N.Y.— U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Michael A. Taschetta, 54, of Akron, N.Y., was arrested and charged by criminal complaint with possession of child pornography. The charges carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Aaron J. Mango, who is handling the case, stated that according to the complaint, the defendant downloaded images of child pornography from the internet utilizing a peer-to-peer software application.

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

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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