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District Man Pleads Guilty to Sexually Abusing 15-Year Old Girl

WASHINGTON - Marcelo Perez, 31, of Washington, D.C., pled guilty today to sexually abusing a teenage girl, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Perez pled guilty in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to a charge of first degree child sexual abuse. The Honorable William M. Jackson scheduled sentencing for November 4, 2011. The charge carries a statutory penalty of up to 30 years in prison.

At the plea hearing, Perez admitted that on October 28, 2009, he sexually abused the victim, then 15, at an apartment in Northwest Washington. At the time of the assault, Perez was the boyfriend of the victim's mother and had been living with the family for a number of years. He assaulted the victim late at night when they were the only ones at home.

In announcing the plea, U.S. Attorney Machen expressed his appreciation to those who worked on the case from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), especially Detectives Andre Davis and Kim Holland. He also commended the work of Legal Assistant Ashley Patterson, Paralegals Joyce Arthur and Lynita Greene, Victim Advocate Melissa Milam, and John Marsh from the Criminal Investigations Unit. Lastly, he commended Assistant U.S. Attorneys Bridgette Tillman, Peter Taylor, Sharon Donovan, and Cassidy Kesler Pinegar, who investigated and prosecuted the case.

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