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**NEWS RELEASE**

United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian today announced that husband and wife AMANDA D. JANSEN, age 28, and CHRISTOPHER I. JANSEN, age 29, both of Watertown, were each sentenced to life sentences on child exploitation charges to which they had previously pled guilty.

United States District Court Judge, Hon. David N. Hurd, imposed concurrent life sentences on each of three federal offenses: one count of conspiracy to transport minors in interstate commerce with the intent that the minors engage in unlawful sexual activity, and two counts of aggravated sexual abuse. As a part of their prior guilty pleas, both of the Jansens admitted that in June, 2008, Christopher Jansen traveled to Kentucky to pick up four children, ages 13, 8, 5, and 3, and that he then brought them to Watertown, New York for a summer visit. The Jansens each admitted that they had planned and conspired to transport the children to New York for the purpose of sexually abusing them while they were in their care, and that they in fact sexually abused the 8 year old boy and the 5 year old girl after drugging them with Ambien mixed into kool-aid.

The Jansens' arrests were the result of an investigation by the New York State Police, with the assistance of the United States Secret Service. The federal prosecution is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lisa Fletcher, who can be reached at 315-448-0672.