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**TARRYTOWN COMPUTER NETWORK ENGINEER SENTENCED TO 24 MONTHS  
IN PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that PAUL LUPIE, a computer network engineer residing in Tarrytown, New York, was sentenced to 24 months in prison by United States District Judge STEPHEN C. ROBINSON in White Plains federal court yesterday for the possession of child pornography.

LUPIE pleaded guilty on June 9, 2009, to possessing child pornography. According to the Complaint and sentencing proceedings, LUPIE purchased subscriptions to websites offering child pornography online. During a search of his Tarrytown home, other images of child pornography were found on LUPIE's laptop computer, an external hard drive, and computer disks.

LUPIE's arrest was part of a nationwide investigation by the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") aimed at the exploitation of children through commercial child pornography websites.

Mr. BHARARA praised the efforts of ICE in connection with this investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney ANNA M. SKOTKO is in charge of the prosecution.