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**BEACON MUSIC TEACHER SENTENCED TO 60 MONTHS IN PRISON
IN WHITE PLAINS FEDERAL COURT FOR RECEIPT AND POSSESSION OF CHILD
PORNOGRAPHY**

Preet Bharara, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that STEPHEN W. SIKTBERG was sentenced today before United States District Judge Colleen McMahan in White Plains federal court to 60 months in prison. He pled guilty on April 4, 2011, to one count of receiving child pornography and one count of possessing child pornography. SIKTBERG, 32, was previously arrested in October 2009 at his residence in Beacon, New York, by agents of the Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE").

U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara stated: "Stephen Siktberg was a prolific collector of child pornography. Given his access to children, this conduct was all the more troubling. Today, he will be punished for his crimes."

According to the Complaint, the Indictment, and statements made during court proceedings, SIKTBERG, who provided private music instruction to both children and adults, downloaded child pornography from the Internet using a peer-to-peer file-sharing program, and saved it on his computer and on CDs. SIKTBERG had saved thousands of images of child pornography and over 100 videos. During his plea allocution, SIKTBERG admitted that he "downloaded child pornography knowing it was a crime."

Mr. BHARARA thanked ICE for its work in this investigation.

The case is being handled by the Office's White Plains Division. Assistant United States Attorney SARAH R. KRISOFF is in charge of the prosecution.

ICE encourages the public to report suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-347-2423. This hotline is staffed around the clock by investigators.

Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.