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U.S. CHARGES TARRYTOWN POLICE OFFICER
WITH CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND POSSESSION OF A MACHINE GUN

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that ANTHONY RYPKA, JR., a police officer in Tarrytown, New York, was arraigned today in White Plains federal court by Chief United States Magistrate Judge LISA MARGARET SMITH on charges that he both distributed and possessed child pornography and possessed an illegal, unregistered fully automatic sub-machine gun.

As alleged in the four-count Indictment, RYPKA distributed computer files containing child pornography on June 12, 2006, and possessed computer files containing child pornography in September 2006. A previously filed Complaint alleged that on June 12, 2006, RYPKA uploaded two images of child pornography to his e-mail address, and that in September 2006, the New York State Police recovered a thumb drive from the top of RYPKA's locker at the Tarrytown Police Department. An examination of the thumb drive showed that it contained several images of child pornography, including the two images that had

been uploaded to RYPKA's email account on June 12, 2006. As further alleged in the Indictment, RYPKA also possessed a fully automatic sub-machine gun in September 2006. The machine gun was not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

In the current Indictment, RYPKA is charged with: (a) one count of distributing and receiving child pornography, which carries, upon conviction, a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years in prison; (b) one count of possessing child pornography, which carries, upon conviction, a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison; (c) one count of possessing a machine gun, which carries, upon conviction, a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison; and (d) one count of possessing a firearm not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, which carries, upon conviction, a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison. Each count also carries a maximum fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the offense.

The case was assigned to United States District Judge CHARLES L. BRIEANT.

Mr. GARCIA praised the investigative efforts of the New York State Police, the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney BRENT WIBLE is in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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