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PUTNAM COUNTY ATTORNEY ARRESTED FOR RECEIPT AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that ROBERT GROEZINGER, an attorney in Patterson, Putnam County, New York, was arrested today and presented before United States Magistrate Judge LISA MARGARET SMITH in White Plains federal court on a Complaint alleging that GROEZINGER received and possessed more than 40 images of child pornography on his computer and thumb drive.

GROEZINGER was released on a \$100,000 personal bond, and Judge SMITH set a preliminary hearing for November 12, 2008. If convicted, GROEZINGER faces a minimum sentence of 5 years' imprisonment and a maximum sentence of 20 years' imprisonment for receiving child pornography via the internet and a maximum of 10 years' imprisonment for possessing child pornography.

According to the Complaint, from at least in or about December 2007, to in or about January 2008, through emails and online chats, GROEZINGER solicited and received computer files containing images of child pornography from a person in California who facilitated the receipt and distribution child pornography.

 $$\operatorname{Mr.}$ GARCIA praised the efforts of Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") in connection with this investigation.

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

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