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SILVER SPRING MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND IS SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON

Greenbelt, Maryland - Anjan Ghosh Tagore, age 34, of Silver Spring, Maryland pleaded guilty today to possession of child pornography and was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Peter J. Messitte to 10 years in prison, followed by 25 years of supervised release, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein. Judge Messitte also ordered that after his release from prison Tagore must register as a sex offender.

According to the statement of facts provided to the court as part of the plea agreement, in January 2006, Tagore was on supervised release for prior convictions involving the possession, receipt and transportation of child pornography. Monitored software on the computer at Tagore's residence alerted authorities that images of suspected child pornography were being accessed, in violation of his supervised release. FBI agents searched the computer on January 26, 2006 and determined that the hard-drive contained over 600 images of child pornography and 58 video clips that contained child pornography and child erotica. Several of the video clips contained visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, including 12 year olds.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein praised the investigative work performed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Rosenstein also thanked Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Fortune, who prosecuted the case.