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**ATTORNEY SENTENCED IN WHITE PLAINS FEDERAL COURT
TO 57 MONTHS IN PRISON
FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that ROBERT GROEZINGER, 53, an attorney in Patterson, New York, was sentenced to 57 months' in prison today by United States District Judge STEPHEN C. ROBINSON in White Plains federal court for the possession of more than 40 images of child pornography.

GROEZINGER pled guilty before Judge ROBINSON on July 14, 2009, to possessing child pornography. According to the publicly filed Complaint, in December 2007 and January 2008, GROEZINGER solicited and received computer files containing images of child pornography during online chats with an identified perpetrator on the West coast. Other images of child pornography were later found on GROEZINGER's laptop computer and a thumbdrive during a search of his Putnam County home.

GROEZINGER's arrest was part of Operation Predator, a comprehensive initiative by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") aimed at those who prey on children, including human traffickers, international sex tourists, Internet pornographers, and foreign national predators whose crimes make them deportable. Since the initiative was launched in July of 2003, there have been more than 11,500 individuals arrested nationwide.

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.

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