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**D.A. BROWN: COMPUTER PROGRAMMER SENTENCED TO JAIL FOR POSSESSING
PORNOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHS OF CHILDREN ON HOME COMPUTER**

Defendant Must Also Register as Sex Offender

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a Jamaica, Queens, man who works as a computer program developer for an Edison, New Jersey, company has been sentenced to jail for possessing images of underage children involved in sexual activity on his home computer. The defendant must also register as a sex offender.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant has now been punished for his despicable acts of possessing files that depict young children – less than 16 years of age – engaging in sexual acts on his home computer. His apprehension, conviction and sentencing are the result of an ongoing law enforcement surveillance initiative designed to protect children who are underage and vulnerable to sexual predators who troll the Internet looking for victims."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Henri J. Fougere, 27, of 90-36 198th Street in Jamaica. The defendant pleaded guilty on January 4, 2007, to Possessing a Sexual Performance by a Child before Queens Criminal Court Judge Gene Lopez. The defendant was sentenced today by Queens Criminal Court Judge Dorothy Chin-Brandt to a determinate sentence of six months in jail, ten years' probation and ordered him to register as a sex offender.

District Attorney Brown said that Fougere had been arrested in Manhattan in October 2005 for engaging in a series of communications with NYPD undercover police officers portraying themselves online as underage girls. Information developed during that investigation led to the execution of a search warrant at the defendant's Queens residence in which at least ten images – including video clips of children under the age of sixteen engaging in sexual acts – were found on his computer.

The District Attorney noted that Fougere pleaded guilty in the Manhattan case on December 21, 2006, to Possessing a Sexual Performance by a Child before Acting State Supreme Court Justice Daniel P. Fitzgerald and is awaiting sentencing on March 8, 2007.

Assistant District Attorney Robert D. Alexander, Chief of the District Attorney's Computer Crimes Unit, prosecuted the case under the supervision of Anthony M. Communiello, Bureau Chief of the District Attorney's Special Proceedings Bureau, and Oscar W. Ruiz, Deputy Bureau Chief, and the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Peter A. Crusco and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Linda M. Cantoni.

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