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**QUEENS MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

*Faces Up To Seven Years In Prison*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a father of two young children has been charged with possessing child porn images on his East Elmhurst home computer. The sexual material was discovered when he attempted to send a pornographic image using his AOL account.

District Attorney Brown said, "Individuals who trade in child pornography on their computers can no longer expect to remain anonymous. Federal law requires Internet service providers – when they become aware of potential child pornography – to report this information to the cybertip hotline of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), in Alexandria, Virginia. NCMEC, a non-profit agency that is mandated by the federal government to store and catalogue known images of child pornography, then reports the information to the designated law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the protection of children."

The District Attorney continued, "In addition, each time an individual who trades in child pornography is arrested, the subscriber information of other individuals with whom he trades is relayed to law enforcement agencies where those individuals reside."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Fausto H. Dominguez, 37, of 27-39 McIntosh Street in East Elmhurst. Dominguez, who is employed as a car mechanic, was arraigned earlier this week in Queens Criminal Court on charges of promoting a sexual performance by a child and possessing a sexual performance by a child. Dominguez, who faces up to seven years in prison if convicted, was held on \$75,000 bail and ordered to return to court on November 4, 2009.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the charges, the New York City Police Department's Computer Crimes Squad received a report on October 7, 2009, that NCMEC had received a tip from America Online (AOL) which indicated that at approximately 6:35 p.m. on August 12, 2009, the AOL account known as AMY12291 had uploaded an image of child pornography in an attempt to send the image via e-mail. AOL intercepted the image and reported the act to NCMEC. It is alleged that the subscriber of the screen name AMY12291 was determined to be the defendant Dominguez.

At 6:00 a.m. on October 21, 2009, a search warrant was executed at Dominguez's residence and various computer and electronic equipment were seized. A preview of the computer's hard drive allegedly revealed images of child pornography.

Dominguez, the married father of a 9-year-old girl and 4-year-old son, was placed under arrest and officials from the Administration for Children's Services were notified.

In addition to the work of AOL, NCMEC and the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the investigation was conducted by Detective Andrew Jackson, of the NYPD's Special Investigation Division.

Senior Assistant District Attorney Kateri A. Gasper is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Robert D. Alexander, Chief of the Computer Crimes Unit of the District Attorney's Special Proceedings Bureau, Anthony M. Communiello, Bureau Chief, and Oscar W. Ruiz, Deputy Bureau Chief, as well as the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney Peter A. Crusco and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney Linda M. Cantoni of the Investigations Division.

It should be noted that a complaint is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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