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**D.A. BROWN: COMPUTER PROGRAMMER PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSING
PORNOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHS OF CHILDREN ON HOME COMPUTER**

Faces Six Months in Jail and Registration 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 pleaded guilty to possessing images of underage children involved in sexual activity on his home computer.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant has admitted possessing files that depict young children – less than 16 years of age – engaging in sexual acts on his home computer. His apprehension and subsequent plea was 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, who was arrested in December 2005. He pleaded guilty yesterday afternoon to Possessing a Sexual Performance by a Child before Queens Criminal Court Judge Gene Lopez who indicated that he would likely sentence the defendant to six months in jail, ten years' probation and order him to register as a sex offender at sentencing on February 6, 2007.

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. He is expected to be sentenced to a similar term of incarceration when he is sentenced in that case on February 15, 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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