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**JONATHAN PERFETTO of MANCHESTER PLEADS GUILTY TO  
5 COUNTS POSSESSION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IMAGES AND  
7 COUNTS OF FAILURE TO REGISTER AS A SEXUAL OFFENDER**

Hillsborough County Attorney Dennis Hogan announces that on MONDAY, December 19, 2011, JONATHAN PERFETTO, age 37 of MANCHESTER, pled guilty to 5 counts of Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Images and 7 counts of Failure to Register as a Sexual Offender, before Honorable Judge David Garfunkel in Hillsborough County Superior Court (Northern District). The crimes occurred on December 24, 2010 in Manchester.

The defendant had purchased a laptop computer at a pawn shop in 2010. 22 days later, he returned to the pawn shop to re-sell the computer. The owner reviewed the contents of the computer and upon discovering the child sexual abuse images immediately contacted the Manchester Police Department. Detective Tim Craig conducted a forensic examination of the computer which revealed the defendant as the primary user of the computer with a file folder marked "John" and discovered 5 photos of child sexual abuse images.

The defendant was interviewed by Manchester Police Detective Tim Craig, admitted he had sole possession and control of the computer and that he obtained free internet access from the City Library as well as a local McDonald's restaurant. The defendant did so despite prior conditions being placed on him to not use a computer or access the internet. The defendant also admitted he used mIRC, an Internet Relay Chat, to talk to people on line using various screen names and to possibly trade child sexual abuse images. He confirmed he had the 5 child sexual abuse images and that he obtained the images from people on the internet.

The defendant was also convicted of 7 counts of failure to register. Due to previous convictions for possession of child pornography in 2002, he was required to register information with the Manchester Police Department including all screen names and e-mail addresses he used on the computer. The defendant admitted he failed to reveal that information to authorities.

The plea agreement reached was a capped plea where the State requested the Court sentence the defendant to 20 to 40 years, stand committed, at the N.H. State Prison, while the defendant argued for 13½ to 27 years.

After hearing argument from Don Topham, defense counsel, and Maureen F. O'Neil, Assistant County Attorney for the State, the Honorable David Garfunkel sentenced the defendant to 20 to 40 years, stand committed, at the N.H. State Prison with a recommendation the defendant successfully complete the sex offender program, have no contact with minors less than 17 years of age, have no use of computers, and no internet access. The defendant was also sentenced to a consecutive sentence of 3½ to 7 years, all suspended, for the charges related to his failing to register as a sexual offender.

Questions about the case can be referred to County Attorney Dennis Hogan at the County Attorney's Office in Manchester at 627.5605.

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