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MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ATTEMPTING CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONTACT WITH CHILDREN THROUGH THE INTERNET

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Morris County Prosecutor Robert A. Bianchi announce the guilty pleas of Joseph Ambrosio. Ambrosio, a 41 year-old Wall Township, New Jersey resident, was employed as an Assistant Comptroller for Jersey City, New Jersey when he was arrested on November 13, 2009 by detectives from the Passaic County Sheriff and the Morris County Prosecutor.

Mr. Ambrosio plead guilty to four counts of attempted criminal sexual contact occurring in Wayne, Bayonne, Mt. Holly, and Morristown, New Jersey. The plea hearing was conducted by the Honorable Joseph A. Falcone, sitting in Paterson, yesterday afternoon. The offenses involved attempts to engage in sexual contact with undercover investigators posing as children. The defendant, believing that he was communicating with female children on the internet, had communicated with agents from Passaic County, Bergen County, Burlington County, Hudson County, and Morris County.

The defendant is scheduled for sentencing on January 21, 2011. It is expected that he will receive a three year sentence to the New Jersey State Prison. When he is released Ambrosio will be required to register for

life as a sex offender pursuant to Megan's Laws. Judge Falcone indicated that he will recommend that Mr. Ambrosio receive sex offender specific counseling upon his release. Ambrosio will also pay \$5,200 in fines allocated for the benefit of sexual assault victims.

Chief Assistant Prosecutor Joseph A. Del Russo represented the Passaic County Prosecutor during the plea hearing. Mr. Del Russo can be reached at jdelrusso@passaiccountynj.org.