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MAN SENTENCED TO STATE PRISON FOR 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 sentencing of Joseph Ambrosio. Ambrosio, a 42 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's Department and the Morris County Prosecutor who charged him with one count of Attempted Sexual Assault, a crime of the second degree; 10 counts of Attempted Endangering the Welfare of a Child, crimes of the third degree, and one count of Attempted Criminal Sexual Contact, a crime of the fourth degree.

Mr. Ambrosio plead guilty on November 8, 2010 to four counts of attempted criminal sexual contact occurring in Wayne, Bayonne, Mt. Holly, and Morristown, New Jersey. The Honorable Joseph A. Falcone sentenced Mr. Ambrosio to 3 years in New Jersey State Prison for attempting 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 law enforcement officers from Passaic County, Bergen

County, Burlington County, Hudson County, and Morris County.

When he is released Ambrosio will be required to register for life as a sex offender pursuant to Megan's Laws. Judge Falcone also recommended that Mr. Ambrosio receive sex offender specific counseling upon his release. Ambrosio was ordered to pay \$5,730.00 in fines.

Chief Assistant Prosecutor Joseph A. Del Russo represented the Passaic County Prosecutor during the sentencing hearing. Mr. Del Russo can be reached at jdelrusso@passaiccountynj.org. or 973-837-7636