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BRONX MAN INDICTED ON PROMOTING, POSSESSING CHILD PORN; HAD MORE THAN 500 VIDEOS OF CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS 3 IN SEX ACTS

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted on 1,020 counts of child pornography possession and promotion related to videos he shared and retained on his computer that depicted children as young as 3 years old being sexually abused.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant allegedly had hundreds of disturbing, revolting videos of young children—even toddlers—engaged in sexual acts. Each of those images amounts to child abuse, and each time they are played or shared the children are re-victimized, so the cruelty never ends for them.”

District Attorney Clark said that the defendant, Raymond Fontanez, 41, of 175 Alexander Avenue in the Mott Haven section of the Bronx, was arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas, who continued bail at \$10,000 bond/\$7500 cash. He is due back in court on September 27, 2016.

Fontanez is charged with 1,020 counts of Promoting an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child, Promoting a Sexual Performance by a Child, Possessing an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child and Possessing a Sexual Performance by a child. He faces 2 1/3 to 7 years in prison if convicted.

According to the investigation, a detective with the New York Police Department’s Vice/Major Case Squad saw that an Internet Protocol (IP) address was offering to share ten images and videos of child pornography. The address was traced to a computer in Fontanez’ apartment. Detectives obtained a search warrant and retrieved Fontanez’ laptop, which contained more than 500 videos and images of child pornography.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kate Christobek of the Economic Crimes Bureau under the supervision of Richard Kearney, Deputy Chief of Economic Crimes and William Zelenka, Chief of Economic Crimes.

An indictment is an accusatory instrument and not proof of a defendant’s guilt.