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Former New Mexico man sentenced to 8 years for child pornography crimes

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A former New Mexico man was sentenced to 97 months in prison on Thursday as a result of a child pornography investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), in conjunction with the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of New Mexico.

Dixon Regan, 61, was employed as a computer software technician in Albuquerque when ICE began its investigation. He was arrested by ICE agents in December 2008 in Corpus Christi, Texas, where he was living at the time. He has been in federal custody since his arrest.

According to court documents, while living in Albuquerque, Regan received and possessed sexually explicit and illegal child pornography images. ICE special agents, who are members of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force, seized his home computer, which contained videos and images of minors, including some involved in sexual acts with adults.

A federal grand jury subsequently indicted Regan for receiving and possessing visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

"Possessing child pornography is a serious crime that victimizes the most vulnerable members of our society," said Manuel Oyola-Torres, special agent in charge of the ICE Office of Investigations in El Paso. "ICE will continue to relentlessly pursue predators who sexually exploit children."

The ICAC task force is made up of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. It is a cooperative effort to enhance investigative response to offenders who use the Internet, online communication systems or other computer technology to sexually exploit children. The program has 61 regional task forces across the United States, funded by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Regan's arrest was part of Operation Predator, an ICE initiative to protect children from sexual predators, including those who travel overseas for sex with minors, Internet child pornographers, criminal alien sex offenders, and child sex traffickers. Since ICE launched Operation Predator in 2003, more than 12,000 child sex predators, sex tourists and child pornographers have been arrested.

ICE encourages the public to report suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. This hotline is staffed around the clock by investigators.

Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

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