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Sterling Man Sentenced To 320 Months For Producing Child Pornography

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. – Shiloh Richard Forrest, 37, of Sterling, Va., was sentenced to 320 months in prison, followed by 10 years of supervised release, for producing child pornography.

Neil H. MacBride, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; Peter Rendina, Acting Inspector in Charge of the Washington Division of the United States Postal Inspection Service; and Michael L. Chapman, Loudoun County Sheriff, made the announcement after sentencing by United States District Judge T. S. Ellis III.

Forrest pled guilty to producing child pornography on May 24, 2012. According to court documents, Forrest sent images and videos from his child pornography collection to an undercover U.S. Postal Inspector in December 2010 in an attempt to exchange them for new videos. In June 2011, numerous computers were seized from Forrest's residence. A September 2011 computer forensics examination revealed that Forrest had used a cellular telephone to record himself engaging in sexual acts with a prepubescent child in his Sterling, Va., apartment and also at an Ocean City, Md., hotel in the summer of 2010. Law enforcement also recovered at least 600 additional videos of child pornography on his computer devices.

The investigation was conducted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office. Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Maureen C. Cain of the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the U. S. Department of Justice's Criminal Division is prosecuting the case on behalf of the United States.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who sexually exploit children and to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.usdoj.gov/psc. For more information about internet safety education, please visit www.usdoj.gov/psc and click on the tab "resources."

A copy of this press release may be found on the website of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia at <http://www.justice.gov/usao/vae>. Related court documents and information may be found on the website of the District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia at <http://www.vaed.uscourts.gov> or on <https://pcl.uscourts.gov>.

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