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FORMER OPELOUSAS HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER SENTENCED FOR RECEIVING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

LAFAYETTE, La. - United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced that former Opelousas High School teacher, Larry Caillier, II, 33, of Opelousas, La., was sentenced today in federal court to 14 years in prison and 15 years supervised release. The sentence is a result of Caillier's plea of guilty to a one count bill of information charging him with receiving child pornography. The sentence was handed down by U. S. District Judge Richard T. Haik.

According to court testimony, Caillier was a teacher at Opelousas High School. The defendant acknowledged that in February of 2010, he sent text messages to a 15 year old student at the school asking her to send him sexually explicit images of herself. As a result of Caillier's request, the student took several sexually explicit images of herself and sent them tot him.

United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley stated: "There is no place in our school system for those who prey upon children. All children should feel safe and protected. It

should be clear to anyone who views, consumes or collects child pornography that prosecuting these disturbing acts is a priority for our office."

Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations (HIS)/Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE), New Orleans Office, Raymond R. Parmer, Jr., stated: "All children have an absolute right to grow up free from the fear of sexual exploitation. ICE relentlessly pursues predators who sexually abuse children, whether that abuse is physical in nature or if it is accomplished by exploiting their images. Our agents will continue to police cyber space and target those who travel abroad to exploit one of the most vulnerable segments of our society - our children."

This case was investigated by Homeland Security Investigations/U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant Unites States Attorneys John Luke Walker and J. Collin Sims.

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