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## **Bettendorf Man Sentenced on Federal Child Pornography Charges**

DAVENPORT, IA - On October 12, 2011, Mark Steven Hall, age 40, of Bettendorf, Iowa, was sentenced to 84 months imprisonment for one count of receiving child pornography, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. United States Chief District Judge Robert W. Pratt also ordered that Hall serve a term of supervised release of ten years following his incarceration and pay an assessment of \$100 to Crime Victims Fund. Hall had entered a guilty plea to the charge on March 21, 2011.

During October 2009, Eric Steven Honse walked into the Bettendorf, Iowa, Police Department and handed over 4 disks containing child pornography. He said he was feeling guilty about it, knew that he had a problem, and wanted to get help. As a result, the Bettendorf, Iowa, Police Department executed a search warrant at Honse's residence, seizing numerous computer towers, hard drives, CDs, and DVDs. Subsequent forensic analysis showed that a number of these items contained child pornography.

During an interview, Honse admitted downloading child pornography from the computer of a friend, Mark Steven Hall. Police then executed a search warrant at Hall's residence, seizing additional computer evidence. Hall admitted that he allowed Honse to use one of Hall's computers. Forensic analysis found child pornography on some of the items seized from Hall's residence

Honse previously was sentenced to 24 months imprisonment for one count of possessing child pornography.

This investigation was conducted by the Bettendorf, Iowa, Police Department, the Davenport, Iowa, Police Department, and the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, and was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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