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**FORMER FIRE CHIEF OF GUEYDAN, LA. IS SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT FOR ATTEMPTING TO RECEIVE CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

**LAFAYETTE, La.:** The former Fire Chief of Gueydan, La., Lindsey Troy LeBlanc, 43, of Mermentau, La., was sentenced in federal court for attempting to receive child pornography, United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today. LeBlanc was sentenced to 63 months in prison and 20 years supervised release. The sentence was handed down by U.S. District Judge Rebecca F. Doherty.

LeBlanc pleaded guilty on October 12, 2010, to two counts of attempting to receive child pornography. According to court testimony, LeBlanc, who was the former Fire Chief in Gueydan, La., acknowledged that beginning in October 2009, he engaged in sexually explicit chats with persons he believed to be minors. LeBlanc was chatting with an undercover officer portraying himself as a 14-year old girl. During the on-line discussions, the defendant asked the person he believed to be a 14-year old female to send sexually explicit images of herself to him via the internet. At the time of his arrest, he admitted that he had engaged in sexually explicit chats with over 20 minors.

U. S. Attorney Stephanie Finley stated: "This sentence should send a message to all who trade, traffic, receive, possess or deal with child pornography that the sexual exploitation of children will not be taken lightly in this district, no matter the form, no matter who the person is. We will continue to prosecute anyone who is involved in child pornography - we will find them and bring them to justice."

The case was investigated by the Louisiana State Police and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Luke Walker.

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