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Florida Man Sentenced for Conspiracy to Produce Child Pornography

WASHINGTON – Leonard Addison Parks Jr., 24, of Indiantown, Fla., was sentenced today in the Southern District of Florida to serve 90 months years in prison for his involvement in child pornography in which video clips of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct were produced, Assistant Attorney General Alice S. Fisher of the Criminal Division and U.S. Attorney R. Alexander Acosta for the Southern District of Florida announced today.

Parks, who cooperated with the government, and two other Indiantown, Fla. men - Randy Charles Harris, 37, and Salvador Pascual Aguirre, 23, - were previously charged in a superseding indictment arising out of their respective criminal involvement in the case. Parks and Harris were charged with conspiring to produce the illegal video clips between January 2005 and June 2007. Aguirre was charged with receiving or attempting to receive child pornography from Harris during that same time period. Parks, who cooperated with investigators, pleaded guilty on Oct. 30, 2007, to one count of conspiracy to use a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct.

Harris and Aguirre were both sentenced to prison earlier this month for their involvement in the case. Harris received a 30-year sentence after he pleaded guilty on Oct. 15, 2007, to one count of using a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct, and one count of conspiracy to use a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct. Aguirre, who cooperated with investigators, received a three-year sentence after he pleaded guilty on Oct. 30, 2007, to one count of attempted receipt of child pornography.

The cases were prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Corey Steinberg of the Southern District of Florida and Trial Attorney Elizabeth M. Yusi of the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the Department's Criminal Division. The cases were investigated by the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Martin County Sheriff's Office.

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