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WILMINGTON MAN SENTENCED TO 72 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR RECEIPT OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Kenneth Matthew Sanders, age 38, of Wilmington, Delaware, was sentenced today to 72 months in prison by United States District Judge Leonard P. Stark for receipt of child pornography, in violation of federal law. Sanders also was sentenced to 10 years of supervised release, which will commence following his prison term. He also will be required to register as a sex offender in any jurisdiction in which he lives, works or attends school.

According to statements made at the sentencing hearing and documents filed in court, in December 2009, an undercover FBI agent confirmed that Sanders was offering to distribute 1,735 files depicting child pornography via a peer-to-peer computer network. During a January 2010 search of Sanders' Milltown residence, law enforcement agents seized a computer found to contain numerous videos and images of child pornography. One file contained a 20-minute video featuring a slideshow of adult males performing sex acts on infants and toddlers. The video was set to cradle music.

After the imposition of the sentence, United States Attorney David C. Weiss stated, "There is no safe haven on the internet for those who seek to exploit the youngest and most defenseless among us by trading in images of their sexual abuse. As today's sentence demonstrates, consumers of child pornography will be subjected to very long prison terms."

In May 2006, the United States Department of Justice launched Project Safe Childhood, a national initiative aimed at combating the proliferation of technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation crimes. Under this program, federal, state and local law enforcement seek to coordinate their efforts to efficiently and effectively locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who sexually exploit children and to identify and rescue child victims.

As part of Project Safe Childhood, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Delaware Department of Justice's Child Predator Task Force investigated this case. The prosecution was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Edward J. McAndrew.

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