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BIBB COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY SENTENCED FOR SEEKING SEX WITH SEVEN YEAR-OLD GIRL

Gregory Todd Bowden Sentenced to 20 Years in Federal Prison

ATLANTA, GA - Having been found guilty of attempting to entice a minor to engage in sex, GREGORY TODD BOWDEN, 44, of Byron, Georgia, was sentenced today to 20 years in federal prison.

“Defendant Bowden sought to have sex with a seven year-old girl. Seven years old. At the time of his crime, Bowden was a sheriff’s deputy – someone who had sworn to enforce the law and protect the public. He failed on both counts. With today’s sentence, the law has been enforced and the public will be protected from Bowden’s predations for 20 years,” said Sally Quillian Yates, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia.

According to United States Attorney Yates and the evidence presented during the trial: BOWDEN, an eight-year veteran of the Bibb County Sheriff’s Department, frequented on-line chat rooms in which he engaged in fantasy role-playing about incest and other child sex acts. In October 2008, he befriended a woman on-line whom he believed to have a seven year-old daughter. This woman -- actually an undercover FBI task force agent -- told BOWDEN she was willing to make her daughter available to him for sex. In February 2009, BOWDEN and the mother, through additional chats, e-mails, and phone calls, agreed to meet for the purpose of having three-way sex: BOWDEN, the mother, and the seven year-old daughter. On February 11, 2009, BOWDEN drove 110 miles from his home in Byron to Sandy Springs, where he expected to meet the mother and her daughter. He was arrested at the scene. Agent later recovered a computer from his home on which they found child pornography and other evidence of interest in incest and sex with minors.

District Court Judge William S. Duffey, Jr., sentenced BOWDEN to 20 years custody in the Bureau of Prisons, to be followed by 5 years of supervised release.

This case was investigated by agents and officers of the Atlanta Safe Child Task Force, which is led by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Atlanta Division.

Assistant United States Attorneys Robert McBurney and Corey Steinberg prosecuted the case.

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