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## **BETTENDORF MAN SENTENCED ON FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES**

DAVENPORT, IA-Following his earlier guilty plea on March 21, 2011, Eric Steven Honse, 34, of Bettendorf, Iowa, was sentenced on September 2, 2011, to 24 months imprisonment for one count of possessing child pornography, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. United States Chief District Judge Robert W. Pratt also ordered that Honse serve a term of supervised release of five years following his incarceration and pay an assessment of \$100 to Crime Victims Fund.

On October 19, 2009, Eric Steven Honse walked into the Bettendorf 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. Honse said he believed that the government kept track of what people are downloading.

The Bettendorf Police Department executed a search warrant at Honse's residence on October 23, 2009. Numerous computer towers, hard drives, CDs and DVDs were found. Subsequent forensic analysis showed that a number of these contained child pornography.

During a subsequent interview, Honse admitted download child pornography from the computer of a friend, Mark Steven Hall. Honse also informed law enforcement that he told Hall what he had done, and that the police might come knocking on his (Hall's) door.

On October 23, 2009, a search warrant was executed at Hall's residence. Numerous computers and hard drives were seized. Hall claimed that the computer he let Honse use was his "public use" computer that he made available to his friends. Subsequent forensic analysis showed that this computer had been wiped clean prior to execution of the warrant. Additional analysis found child pornography on some of the items seized from Hall's residence.

On December 1, 2009, Hall traveled to the Ukraine. He returned to the United States on February 4, 2010. Hall has pled guilty and awaits sentencing.

During his guilty plea, Honse admitted that he knowingly possessed visual depictions that had been shipped or transported in interstate commerce and that those visual depictions involved the use of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

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.