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MARSHALLTOWN MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

DES MOINES, IA – On August 4, 2011, Matthew Leroy Poe, age 31, of Marshalltown, Iowa, was sentenced by United States District Judge James E. Gritzner to 240 months of imprisonment in connection with Poe’s previous guilty plea to possession of child pornography. Poe also was sentenced to a lifetime term of supervised release following imprisonment, must register as a sex offender, and was ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment to the Crime Victims Fund.

Poe has prior state convictions for sexual abuse 3rd degree, where the victim was a 14-year-old that Poe was babysitting, lascivious acts with a child, where the victim was 12 years old, and a violation of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act. “Tough federal penalties concerning child pornography were designed for repeat contact offenders such as Mr. Poe”, stated United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. “We will continue to aggressively prosecute any individual who has shown a propensity to molest children and is involved with child pornography”, he added.

On March 11, 2011, a search warrant was executed at Poe’s residence in Marshalltown, Iowa. Officers seized a computer and multiple computer related storage devices. A forensic examination of these items revealed numerous images and videos of adults sexually abusing prepubescent children.

This case was investigated by Marshalltown, Iowa Police Department, the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, and the Iowa Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, and the case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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