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FORMER WHEELING RESIDENT SENTENCED TO 70 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR PRODUCING AND POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

CHICAGO — A former Wheeling resident was sentenced to 70 years in federal prison for producing and possessing child pornography, including images he manufactured while sexually molesting two small children, a girl and a boy, federal law enforcement officials announced today. The defendant, **Darrick C. Borocz**k, 34, has been in federal custody since he was arrested on July 30, 2009.

“No civilized society can permit [conduct like this] no matter what the circumstances,” U.S. District Judge Ronald Guzman said in imposing the sentence late yesterday in Federal Court in Chicago. Under federal law, Boroczk must serve at least 85 percent of his sentence before he is eligible for release, and the judge ordered lifetime supervision in the event he is released from custody. The sentence was announced by Patrick J. Fitzgerald, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and Gary J. Hartwig, Special Agent-in-Charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) in Chicago.

According to court documents, child pornography seized in April 2009 on a computer in New Castle, Pa., depicted a man sexually molesting a young girl. Further investigation resulted in law enforcement identifying Boroczk as the suspect, leading to his arrest and prosecution.

In March 2010, Boroczko pleaded guilty to four counts of manufacturing child pornography and one count of possessing child pornography. The manufacturing counts involved his sexual abuse of a girl between ages 3 and 5 that occurred between 2006 and 2009. The government also established as relevant conduct that Boroczko sexually molested a 2-year-old boy in 2006.

Judge Guzman sentenced Boroczko to the mandatory minimum of 15 years on each manufacturing count and imposed the maximum of 10 years on the possession count and ordered each prison term to be served consecutively, totaling 70 years.

The government was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Perconte.

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