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**FORMER SECURITY GUARD SENTENCED FOR  
POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

*Defendant sentenced to five years in prison and lifetime supervised release*

**LAKE CHARLES, La.** – Jake Rhodes, 22, of Lake Charles, La., was sentenced to five years in federal prison, for possession of child pornography, U. S. Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today. Rhodes also received lifetime supervised release following confinement. The sentence was handed down by U. S. District Judge Patricia Minaldi.

Rhodes, who was a security guard at a mall in Lake Charles, La., pleaded guilty in December 2009, to one count of possession of child pornography. Hard core videos of child pornography was found on a computer that the defendant had rented from Aaron's Rental in Lake Charles, La. After Rhodes returned the computer back to the store, the owner discovered the videos had been saved on the computer and included children as young as six months old. During an interview with law enforcement, Rhodes confessed to downloading the child pornography from the internet. Between the time that he confessed to downloading child pornography and the time of the defendant's arrest, he had purchased another computer and begun downloading more hardcore child pornography.

The case was investigated by the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office and Homeland Security Investigations/ICE and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Luke Walker.

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