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**CROWLEY, LA MAN SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT  
FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES**

*Defendant receives ten years in prison and ten years supervised release*

**Lake Charles, La.:** U.S. Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced that Nathan John Meaux, 27, of Crowley, La., was sentenced this week to serve ten years in federal prison for child pornography charges. The sentenced was handed down by U.S. District Judge Patricia Minaldi in federal court in Lake Charles, La. In addition to the prison term, the judge also sentenced Meaux to ten years of supervised release.

Meaux pleaded guilty in June of 2011 to one count of receiving child pornography. Documents filed with the court prior to today's sentencing revealed that Meaux had been downloading and viewing child pornography for several years from his computer at his residence. Pursuant to a search warrant executed at the defendant's residence, agents found 342 images of hard core child pornography which depicted adults engaged in sexually explicit conduct with the children. In addition to the child pornography images, videos of child pornography were also found on the defendant's computer. Meaux admitted to downloading all of the images and videos found on his computer.

U. S. Attorney Stephanie Finley stated, "One of the top priorities of my office is to do everything in our power to prevent child exploitation. We will continue to work with our federal and state investigative agencies to find and prosecute those who facilitate, benefit from, or contribute to the abuse of children. Cases like this should send a message that there are serious, serious consequences for engaging in this type of destructive activity. We have never been more committed to protecting the children of this district and this nation."

Special Agent in Charge of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations (ICE/HSI) in New Orleans, Raymond R. Parmer, Jr., stated, "This case reveals the disturbing truth that some adults will go to great lengths to sexually

exploit minors. Unfortunately, we cannot restore lost innocence to those children who have been exploited by sexual predators. However, ICE HSI helps ensure that justice is served. Identifying and investigating those who victimize children is one of the most important responsibilities we have.” Parmer oversees responsibility for the states of Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas and Alabama.

The case was investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney J. Collin Sims.

ICE encourages the public to report suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. This hotline is staffed around the clock by investigators.

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