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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR RECEIPT AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

In El Paso this morning, 45-year-old Garvin Cadogan, a resident of Trinidad and Tobago living in El Paso under an assumed identity, was sentenced to 151 months in federal prison for receipt and possession of child pornography announced United States Attorney Robert Pitman and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Acting Special Agent in Charge Dennis A. Ulrich.

United States District Judge Frank Montalvo sentenced Cadogan to 151 months in federal prison for receipt of child pornography; 120 months in federal prison on each of two counts of possession of child pornography; and, 36 months in federal prison for false claim to U.S. citizenship. Judge Montalvo ordered that all of the prison terms handed down run concurrent to one another.

On February 23, 2012, Homeland Security Investigations agents executed a search warrant at the defendant's residence. While executing the warrant, agents discovered that one of Cadogan's computers was downloading and sharing multiple files indicative of the sexual exploitation of minors via a peer-to-peer network. Agents arrested the defendant and seized his home computer. A forensics analysis of the seized computer revealed the presence of more than 200 videos depicting child pornography.

On October 19, 2012, Cadogan pleaded guilty to the charges. By pleading guilty, Cadogan admitted that he did receive and possess child pornography as well as provide false information to authorities at the time of his arrest concerning his citizenship. Cadogan, admittedly, told investigators that he was a U.S. citizen when in truth, Cadogan is a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago who assumed the identity of a Pennsylvania resident. Cadogan used the identity to work in El Paso. Furthermore, he used the identity to secure a valid driver's license, an apartment, and to meet his basic necessities. The Pennsylvania resident is a disabled elderly man who receives social security benefits. His benefits were terminated because Cadogan used his identity for employment purposes. Due to the loss of benefits, the victim almost lost his house and had to count on his family for food and basic necessities.

"It's through cases such as this one that HSI sends a clear message to the community," said Dennis A. Ulrich, special agent in charge for HSI El Paso. "We are out there not just arresting child predators, but identifying more sinister criminals who are breaking other laws. This individual was impacting other people, not just children. He took advantage of the system, and wreaked havoc on the life of a disabled United States citizen, whose identity he stole."

This case was investigated by HSI agents together with the Texas Department of Public Safety. Assistant United States Attorneys Daniel Crumby and Brandy Gardes prosecuted this case on behalf of the Government.

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