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## TWO DEFENDANTS SENTENCED FOR INVOLVEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL NETWORK ORGANIZED TO SEXUALLY EXPLOIT CHILDREN

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SHREVEPORT, La. – United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today that a Canadian and a California man were sentenced by U.S. District Judge S. Maurice Hicks for their roles in an internet-based international criminal child pornography and sexual exploitation network called Dreamboard.

Paul Graham Fry, 55, of Ontario, Canada, was sentenced to 20 years in prison and a lifetime of supervised release. According to the evidence presented at the guilty plea, Fry joined Dreamboard Dec. 2, 2009, and posted 2,722 child pornography posts to the online bulletin board.

Kevin Casey, 40, of Palos Verdes, Calif., was sentenced to 60 months in prison and five years of supervised release. According to the evidence presented at the guilty plea, Casey joined Dreamboard April 27, 2010, and posted advertisements offering to distribute child pornography to other members of the board.

Dreamboard was a private, members-only, online bulletin board that was created and operated to promote pedophilia and encourage the sexual abuse of very young children in an environment designed to avoid law enforcement detection. Fry and Casey were charged in an indictment unsealed on Aug. 3, 2011. The charges are the result of Operation Delego, an ongoing investigation launched in December 2009 that targeted individuals around the world for their participation in Dreamboard.

A total of 72 individuals, including Fry and Casey, have been charged as a result of Operation Delego. To date, 57 of the 72 charged defendants have been arrested in the United States and abroad. Forty-seven individuals have pleaded guilty, and one was convicted after trial. Forty-four of the 48 individuals who have pleaded guilty or found guilty for their roles in the conspiracy have been sentenced to prison and have received sentences ranging from five years to life in prison. Three defendants have received life sentences, including one who was convicted at trial. Fifteen of the 72 charged individuals remain at large and are known only by their online identities. Efforts to identify and apprehend these individuals continue. Operation Delego represents the largest prosecution to date in the United States of individuals who participated in an online bulletin board conceived and operated for the sole purpose of promoting child sexual abuse, disseminating child pornography and evading law enforcement.

"Members of this board traded graphic images and videos of adults molesting young children – often violently; and created a massive private library of images of child sexual abuse. They encouraged, and incentivized, the creation of child pornography," Finley said. "My office will continue to work with our federal, state and local partners and international counterparts to identify, investigate and apprehend those who prey on or exploit children. This work is a priority for the Western District of Louisiana, and I hope these sentences send another strong message that we will continue to vigorously prosecute this kind of activity to the fullest extent of the law."

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by U.S. Attorneys' offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John Luke Walker of the Western District of Louisiana and Trial Attorney Keith Becker of CEOS. The Criminal Division's Office of International Affairs provided substantial assistance. The investigation was conducted by ICE-Homeland Security Investigations, the Child Exploitation Section of ICE's Cyber Crime Center, CEOS, CEOS's High Technology Investigative Unit and 35 ICE offices in the United States and 11 ICE offices in 13 countries around the world, with assistance provided by numerous local and international law enforcement agencies across the United States and throughout the world.

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The investigation was part of Operation Predator, a nationwide ICE initiative to identify, investigate and arrest those who prey on children, including human traffickers, international sex tourists, Internet pornographers and foreign-national predators whose crimes make them deportable.

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. Tips or other information can also be submitted to ICE online at [www.ice.gov/exec/forms/hsi-tips/tips.asp](http://www.ice.gov/exec/forms/hsi-tips/tips.asp). Tips may be reported anonymously.

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