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Registered Sex Offender Sentenced to 10 Years in Prison for Accessing with Intent to View Child Pornography

A registered sex offender was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison today for accessing an Omaha-based child pornography website with the intent to view graphic images and videos depicting child pornography, announced Assistant Attorney General Leslie R. Caldwell of the Justice Department's Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney Deborah R. Gilg of the District of Nebraska and Special Agent in Charge Thomas R. Metz of the FBI's Omaha Division.

David William Peer, 37, pleaded guilty on Dec. 16, 2014, to accessing with the intent to view child pornography. Following his prison sentence, Peer will be on supervised release for a period of 15 years, during which he is required to continue to register as a sex offender, is prohibited from having unapproved contact with minors, must submit to computer monitoring and must participate in sex offender treatment. Senior U.S. District Judge Joseph Bataillon of the District of Nebraska imposed the sentence.

During his plea hearing, Peer admitted that, in December 2012, he intentionally accessed an Omaha-based website containing thousands of images and videos depicting children, including infants and toddlers, being sexually abused.

In 2002, Peer was convicted in federal court in the District of Utah of receiving and distributing child pornography, and he was a registered sex offender at the time of this offense.

This case is a result of investigative efforts led by the FBI's Omaha Field Office and the FBI's Violent Crimes against Children Section, Major Case Coordination Unit, and Digital Analysis and Research Center. The FBI was assisted in its investigation by Europol, as well as members of the FBI's Violent Crimes Against Children International Task Force. This case was prosecuted by Trial Attorneys Keith Becker and Sarah Chang of the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section and Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael P. Norris of the District of Nebraska.

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, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

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