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## Bracken County Man Sentenced to 180 Months for Receiving Child Pornography

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**COVINGTON, Ky. -** A Brooksville, Ky. man, Gary Lee Long, 59, was sentenced on Tuesday, to 180 months in federal prison, by U.S. District Judge David Bunning, for receipt of child pornography.

According to his plea agreement, Long admitted that, on January 27, 2016, he reported to the Mason County Office of Probation, for his regular supervision visit. During that visit, his phone was searched and his probation officer found several images of child pornography. Long further admitted that he used Kik messenger to receive sexually explicit images of a minors.

Long entered a guilty plea in January 2020. Long was previously convicted in 2008, in the Bracken Circuit Court, of Rape in the Third Degree and Sodomy in the Third Degree.

Under federal law, Long must serve 85 percent of his prison sentence and will be under the supervision of the U.S. Probation Office for ten years, following his release.

Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; James Robert Brown, Jr., Special Agent in Charge of the FBI, Louisville Field Division; and Chief Jared Muse, Maysville Police Department, jointly made the announcement.

The investigation was directed by the FBI and Maysville Police Department. The United States was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Wade Napier.

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 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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