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## **Fayette County Man Sentenced to 360 Months for the Production of Child Pornography**

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**LEXINGTON, Ky.** —Christopher Wayne Livingood, 50, of Lexington, Ky., was sentenced on Friday to 360 months in federal prison, by Chief U.S. District Judge Danny Reeves, for production of child pornography.

According to Livingood's plea agreement, he used the Kik social media application to communicate with another individual about sexual acts that he wanted to perform on a minor. Livingood also admitted to sending sexually explicit images of the minor to the same individual. In addition to the images he produced, he was also in possession of child sexual abuse material on various electronic devices.

Livingood pleaded guilty in May 2022.

Under federal law, Livingood must serve 85 percent of his prison sentence. Upon his release from prison, he will be under the supervision of the U.S. Probation Office for life.

Carlton S. Shier, IV, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, and Jodi Cohen, Special Agent in Charge, FBI, Louisville Field Office, jointly announced the sentence.

The investigation was conducted by the FBI. The United States was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Erin Roth.

This case was prosecuted as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched 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 <a href="https://www.projectsafechildhood.gov">www.projectsafechildhood.gov</a>.