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DAVENPORT MAN SENTENCED FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINOR AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

DAVENPORT, IA - On December 12, 2011, Tranzy L. Sanders, age 35, of Davenport, Iowa, was sentenced to 341 months federal imprisonment for sexual exploitation of a minor and 120 months concurrent imprisonment for possession of child pornography, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Chief United States District Judge James E. Gritzner also ordered Sanders to serve fifteen years of supervised release and pay a \$200 special assessment to the crime victims fund. Additionally, the district court ordered forfeiture of computer storage devices and other computer equipment.

In April 2010, an adult female turned over to law enforcement a microSD card belonging to Sanders. Analysis by forensic examiners revealed numerous sexually explicit images of a minor under ten years old. These images were taken and saved by Sanders with a cell phone. After computer equipment accessible by Sanders was examined, forensic examiners found additional child pornography images. Sanders pleaded guilty in Scott County District Court to two state charges of sexual abuse and lascivious acts with a child. Sanders was indicted in federal court on the child pornography charges and pleaded guilty on August 26, 2011.

The investigation was conducted by the U.S. Secret Service, the Quad Cities Cybercrime Unit, and the Davenport, Iowa, Police Department, and the case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa as part of the Project Safe Childhood initiative.