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Retired Iowa State Professor Sentenced for Possession of Child Pornography

DES MOINES, IA - On Thursday, October 31, 2013, Walter Thomas Meyer, age 69, a retired professor of physics and astronomy at Iowa State University, was sentenced for possession of child pornography, announced U.S. Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Mr. Meyer pled guilty to the charge of possession of child pornography on July 24, 2013.

Chief Judge James E. Gritzner sentenced Mr. Meyer to time served, twelve months of home confinement, and five years of supervised release. The sentence of time served was imposed, in part, because the images and movies of prepubescent boys did not depict sexual assault. As a consequence of his conviction, Mr. Meyer will be required to register as a sex offender.

This case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service, and the case was prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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