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OHIO MAN SENTENCED FOR CRIMINAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY

Defendant sentenced to 12 years in prison and lifetime supervised release

LAFAYETTE, La. - Larry T. Landt, 47, of Wapakoneta, Ohio, was sentenced today for attempting to entice a minor to engage in criminal sexual activity and attempting to transport obscene material to a minor, United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced. Landt was sentenced to 12 years in federal prison. In addition to the sentence, Landt will be on supervised release for the rest of his life following release from prison. The sentenced was handed down by U. S. District Judge Rebecca F. Doherty.

Landt pleaded guilty in April 2010, to one count of attempting to entice a minor to engage in criminal sexual activity and one count of attempting to transport obscene material to a minor. In July 2009, Landt began communicating with an undercover state police officer in a yahoo chat room. After the first on-line chat, all on-line chats occurred by way of instant messaging. From the beginning, Landt believed that he was communicating with a 14-year old girl and engaged in on-line chats with the girl on numerous occasions. The defendant discussed coming to Louisiana and meeting with the 14 year old. He further discussed kidnaping and raping another minor female while in Louisiana. During the discussions about raping a child, the defendant sent images of females in bondage to the person he believed to be the 14 year old female.

U. S. Attorney Finley stated: "Our office will continue to vigorously prosecute and fight for tough sentences for those whose intent is to exploit and abuse the children of our community."

At the sentencing hearing of the defendant, Judge Doherty stated that the discussions the defendant had with the person he believed to be a 14-year old female were perhaps the "most disturbing" that she had ever read.

The case was investigated by Louisiana State Police and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Luke Walker.

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