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**LAKE CHARLES MAN RECEIVES 160 MONTHS IN JAIL  
FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES**

*Defendant receives 15 years supervised release*

**Lafayette, La.:** U.S. Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced that Christopher Ryder, 24, of Lake Charles, La., received 160 months in federal prison for child pornography charges. U.S. District Judge Richard Haik imposed the sentence today in federal court in Lafayette, La. In addition to the prison term, the judge also sentenced Ryder to 15 years supervised release.

Ryder pleaded guilty in February of 2011, to one count of receiving child pornography. In documents filed with the court prior to today's sentencing, it was revealed that Ryder, a Sergeant in the United States Army, was identified during an investigation conducted by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, Louisiana State Police and Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Office as using Limewire, a file sharing software site (peer-to-peer), to distribute child pornography. Detectives executed a search warrant at Ryder's residence and seized his computer which contained over **1,000** images of child pornography and **34** videos. The images and videos include infants and very young children being raped, and otherwise, sexually assaulted. The defendant admitted to downloading the images and videos from Limewire.

U. S. Attorney Stephanie Finley stated, "My office will use every available statute to prosecute child pornography, trafficking and exploitation. We will continue to work with our federal, state and local investigative agencies to find those who facilitate, benefit from, or contribute to the abuse of children. Cases like this should send a message that we are serious and that there are harsh consequences for this type of destructive behavior. We have never been more committed to protecting the children of this district and trying to put an end to these horrific crimes that cause so much damage to children and their families."

Special Agent in Charge of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations (ICE/HSI) in New Orleans, Raymond R. Parmer, Jr., stated, "ICE/HSI will aggressively use its investigative authorities to identify and arrest individuals who seek to sexually exploit children in this manner. We are committed to protecting our communities by bringing to justice these child predators, who are a direct threat to our youth." Parmer oversees responsibility for the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama and Tennessee.

The case was investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, Louisiana State Police and Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Luke Walker.

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