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**SCOTT MAN SENTENCED TO 36 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR
TRANSPORTING OBSCENE MATERIAL TO A MINOR**

Lafayette, La.: United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced that Kevin Carmouche, 52, of Scott, La., was sentenced to serve three years in federal prison and three years supervised release, for attempting to transport obscene material to a minor. The sentence was handed down on Wednesday by U.S. District Judge Richard T. Haik in federal court in Lafayette, La.

Carmouche pleaded guilty in January of 2012, to attempting to transport obscene material to a minor. Documents filed with the court prior to the sentencing revealed that the defendant engaged in online chats in January and February of 2011 with an undercover officer that he believed was a 15-year-old girl named Nita. The defendant engaged in extremely sexually graphic, explicit chats with the person he believed to be the young girl. He also discussed at length meeting the girl to have sex. On February 7, 2011, when he arranged to meet the minor at a park for sex, he was arrested by Louisiana State Police. The chats were found to be obscene because of the extremely sexually graphic nature of the chats, and the fact that the defendant believed he was engaging in those chats with a person under the age of 16.

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

United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley stated, "Possessing, transporting, manufacturing or receiving child pornography is a crime with serious consequences. The U.S. Attorney's Office will continue to vigorously prosecute these types of cases. We want to be clear; those who engage in this type of activity should know that federal, state and local law enforcement are committed to do as much as we can to protect children, and we are not going away."

The U.S. Attorney's Office and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Homeland Security Investigations/Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) encourages the public to report suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. This hotline is staffed around the clock by investigators.

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