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**THIRD DREAMBOARD MEMBER SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON  
FOR PARTICIPATING IN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL NETWORK  
ORGANIZED TO SEXUALLY EXPLOIT CHILDREN**

**SHREVEPORT, La.:** United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today that a Wisconsin man was sentenced to life in prison for his participation in an international criminal network, known as Dreamboard, which was dedicated to the sexual abuse of children and the creation and dissemination of graphic images and videos of child sexual abuse throughout the world. The sentence was handed down by U.S. District Judge Maurice Hicks in federal court in Shreveport, La.

John Wyss, aka "Bones," 55, of Monroe, Wis., was found guilty on May 17, 2012, following a four day trial, of one count of engaging in a child exploitation enterprise, one count of conspiracy to advertise child pornography and one count of conspiracy to distribute child pornography. Evidence presented at trial revealed that Wyss had been an active member of Dreamboard, an online child pornography bulletin board, since January 2008 and had made numerous postings revealing that he had produced child pornography by capturing images of minors engaging in sexually explicit activity via webcam, including one video in which adult males were engaged in sexual intercourse with prepubescent girls.

Wyss was charged in an indictment unsealed on August 3, 2011. The charges against Wyss are the result of Operation Delego, an ongoing investigation that was launched in December of 2009 that targeted individuals around the world for their participation in Dreamboard. Dreamboard was a private, members-only, online bulletin board that was created and operated to promote pedophilia and encourage the sexual abuse of very young children, in an environment designed to avoid law enforcement detection.

A total of 72 individuals, including Wyss, have been charged as a result of Operation Delego. To date, 56 of the 72 charged defendants have been arrested in the United States and abroad. Forty-three individuals have pleaded guilty and Wyss was convicted after a four-day jury trial. Forty of the 43 individuals who have pleaded guilty for their roles in the conspiracy have been sentenced to prison and have received sentences ranging between 15 years and lifetime imprisonment. Wyss is the third defendant to receive a life sentence. Thirteen of the 72 charged individuals remain at large and are known only by their online identities. Efforts to identify and apprehend these individuals continue. Operation Delego represents the largest prosecution to date in the United States of individuals who participated in an online bulletin board conceived and operated for the sole purpose of promoting child sexual abuse, disseminating child pornography and evading law enforcement. **The facts surrounding the co-defendants in this case are attached.**

According to court documents and information presented at trial, Wyss and other Dreamboard members traded graphic images and videos of adults molesting children 12 years-old and under, often violently, and collectively created a massive private library of images of child sexual abuse. The international group prized and encouraged the creation of new images and videos of child sexual abuse.

“This defendant, and people like him, who advertise, participate, distribute or exploit children to access child pornography work hard to evade law enforcement and disguise what they are doing,” said U.S. Attorney Finley. “The sole purpose of the members of this board was to view children who were being sexually assaulted and who were clearly hurting for their own sexual gratification. We want those who engage in this type of vile behavior to know, that like Mr. Wyss, they will face serious consequences for their actions. Our office will continue to vigorously prosecute this type of criminal activity to the fullest extent of the law. The U.S. Attorney's Office and the Department of Justice, along with our federal, state and local partners, are committed to protecting children from these vile criminals.”

“This is the third life sentence handed down as a result of Operation Delego, one of the most significant child pornography investigations ever conducted in the United States,” said Raymond R. Parmer, Jr., Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), New Orleans. “HSI and the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Louisiana have chased these child predators down wherever they might be hiding. We will continue to aggressively pursue those who are still at large and we will bring them to justice for the horrific crimes they have perpetrated against the most innocent among us.”

According to court documents and evidence presented at trial, Dreamboard members employed a variety of measures designed to conceal their criminal activity from detection by law enforcement. Members communicated using aliases or “screen names,” rather than their actual names. Links to child pornography posted on Dreamboard were required to be encrypted with a password that was shared only with other members. Members accessed the board via proxy servers, which routed internet traffic through other computers so as to disguise a user's actual location and prevent law enforcement from tracing internet activity. Dreamboard members also encouraged the use of encryption

programs on their computers, which password-protect computer files to prevent law enforcement from accessing them in the event of a court-authorized search.

Membership was tightly controlled by the administrators of the bulletin board, who required prospective members to upload child pornography portraying children 12 years of age or younger when applying for membership. Once they were given access, members were required continually to upload images of child sexual abuse in order to maintain membership. Members who failed to follow this rule would be expelled from the group.

According to court documents, Dreamboard members were divided into groups based on status and ranking. The highest level of membership was "Super VIP." Individuals who obtained that title had created new images of child pornography by molesting children and shared those images with the board administrators. The next level of membership was "Super VIP," which was comprised of trusted members of the website. The next level after Super VIP was the VIP rank. Individuals in the lowest level of membership were called Members. Those in the lower ranks could only access a limited quantity of child pornography on the bulletin board. The higher the rank, the more material was available to the member. Individuals advanced to higher levels of membership by providing child abuse images that the individual had produced, providing a large number of images, or providing images that had never been seen before.

The bulletin board included rules of conduct, printed in English, Russian, Japanese and Spanish. The rules required prospective members to upload material depicting children under the age of 12 engaged in sexually explicit activity. Approved members were required to observe strict posting rules designed to encourage members to disseminate large quantities of child pornography, thwart efforts by law enforcement to identify members of the board, and encourage members to sexually abuse children in order to produce new material for the board. The board rules also required members to organize postings based on the type of content. One particular category was entitled "Super Hardcore." The rules for that category described in graphic language that the only posts permitted were those involving adults having violent sexual intercourse with "very young kids" who were being subjected to both physical and sexual abuse and were obviously "in distress, and or crying."

Operation Delego involved extensive international cooperation to identify and apprehend Dreamboard members abroad. Through coordination between ICE; the Department of Justice; Eurojust, the European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit; and dozens of law enforcement agencies throughout the world, 20 Dreamboard members across five continents and 14 countries have been arrested to date outside the United States, including two of the five lead administrators of the board. Those countries include Canada, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Germany, Guatemala, Hungary, Kenya, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Qatar, Serbia, Sweden and Switzerland. Numerous foreign investigations related to Operation Delego remain ongoing. The location and arrest of Dreamboard members abroad have led to the capture and investigation of other global targets.

Evidence obtained during the operation revealed that at least 38 children across the world were suffering sexual abuse at the hands of the members of the group. Efforts by federal, state, local and international law enforcement to locate and identify the victims of sexual abuse and exploitation by Dreamboard members are ongoing.

Operation Delego is a spinoff investigation from leads developed through "Operation Nest Egg," the prosecution of another online group dedicated to the sharing and dissemination of child pornography. Operation Nest Egg was a spinoff investigation developed from leads related to another international investigation, "Operation Joint Hammer," which targeted transnational rings of child pornography trafficking.

The case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by U.S. Attorney's Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John "Luke" Walker of the Western District of Louisiana and Trial Attorney Keith Becker of CEOS. The Criminal Division's Office of International Affairs provided substantial assistance. The investigation was conducted by ICE-Homeland Security Investigations, the Child Exploitation Section of ICE's Cyber Crime Center, CEOS, CEOS's High Technology Investigative Unit and 35 ICE offices in the United States and 11 ICE attaches offices in 13 countries around the world, with assistance provided by numerous local and international law enforcement agencies across the United States and throughout the world.

The investigation was part of Operation Predator, a nationwide HSI initiative to identify, investigate and arrest those who prey on children, including human traffickers, international sex tourists, Internet photographers and foreign-national predators whose crimes make them deportable.

**HSI encourages the public to report suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE or by completing its online tip form at <http://www.ice.gov/exec/forms/hsi-tips/tips.asp>. Both are staffed around the clock by investigators.**

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<b>Defendant</b>	<b>Guilty Plea Sentencing Date</b>	<b>Charges To Which Defendant Pled Guilty Sentencing Details</b>
Steven Perez, aka PataPata	01/05/12 08/14/12	-Conspiracy to Advertise the Distribution of Child Pornography 235 Months in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Matthew McKee, aka fantom aka fantomg	12/02/11 08/14/12	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise 265 Months in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Robert Sprague, aka Jailbird	01/31/12 08/14/12	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise LIFE in Prison
Henry Hand, aka dfx	02/15/12 08/14/12	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise 20 Years in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Robert Cuff, aka dd0040 aka slapalot	12/01/11 07/13/12	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise LIFE in Prison
Edward Oedewaldt, aka twelvish aka Legend	01/19/12 08/01/12	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise -Possession of Child Pornography 38 Years in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Jerrold Wayne Wright, aka TheShadow	10/17/11 08/01/12	-Conspiracy to Advertise the Distribution of Child Pornography 17 ½ Years in Prison/Five Years Supervised Release
David Lindsay, aka Slipnslide	02/16/12 08/01/12	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise 262 Months in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Jason Simon, aka Templar aka Shuffle	04/12/12 08/02/12	-Conspiracy to Advertise the Distribution of Child Pornography 30 Years in Prison/Five Years Supervised Release
Stephen Fairbanks, aka Zapper aka JMagic	04/12/12 08/02/12	-Conspiracy to Advertise the Distribution of Child Pornography 17 ½ Years in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Timothy Stone, aka Kitsu	04/12/12 08/02/12	-Conspiracy to Distribute Child Pornography 17 ½ Years in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Scott Spiegel, aka Zaxx aka Zaxxter	04/13/12 08/02/12	-Conspiracy to Distribute Child Pornography 121 Months in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Scott Lewandowski, aka Prjb aka Koan	04/13/12 08/02/12	-Conspiracy to Distribute Child Pornography 17 ½ Years in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Desmond Meredith, aka Beast	11/10/11 04/13/12	-Conspiracy to Advertise the Distribution of Child Pornography 15 Years in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release

Timothy Gentry, aka Johnny_5_is_@alive	02/01/11 05/10/11	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise 25 Years in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Larry Ridley, aka Athf	07/14/11 10/26/11	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise 20 Years in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Daniel Deschenes, aka Catman	01/12/12 05/04/12	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise 260 Months in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Michael Biggs, aka tommyleejones	02/01/11 05/31/11	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise 20 Years in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Micheal Thompson, aka SamSneed	05/10/11 09/13/11	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise 20 Years in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Charles Christian, aka NLN	03/31/11 07/14/11	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise 265 Months in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Michael Childs, aka Michy99	03/09/11 06/22/11	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise 30 Years in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
William Barton, aka blackbart2010	09/13/11 01/05/12	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise 327 Months in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Christopher James Luke, aka Dank0420	06/29/11 10/05/11	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise 20 Years in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Stephen Clinton Kinney, aka SocratesWasAGeek	06/29/11 10/14/11	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise 293 Months in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Gary Schneider, aka Mytink	05/31/11 01/12/12	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise 20 Years in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Richard Chandler, aka almeda	01/15/12 04/05/12	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise 35 Years in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Charles Pyeatte, aka Daddy-O	05/31/11 09/13/11	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise 327 Months in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Rush Frank Blankenship, aka 14yrsmax	09/01/11 12/01/11	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise 20 Years in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
David Michael Whitten, aka davie	06/29/11 10/05/11	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise 35 Years in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Jamil Lamar Mosley, aka clubkidsforever	07/12/11 01/17/12	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise 20 Years in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Anthony Paul Sowders, aka ChanChadwick	07/11/11 01/05/12	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise 27 Years in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Benet Schmidt, aka Brazthumper	12/01/11 04/05/12	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise 37 Years in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Jeffrey J. Rodriguez, aka HowardHughes	10/27/11 01/17/12	-Conspiracy to Advertise the Distribution of Child Pornography 17 ½ Years in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release

Jonathan Mayer, aka unclbuck81	11/10/11 07/13/12	-Conspiracy to Advertise the Distribution of Child Pornography 17 ½ Years in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Randall Dech, aka Rudy	10/17/11 03/23/12	-Conspiracy to Advertise the Distribution of Child Pornography 17 ½ Years in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Shane Micah Turner, aka korneech08	03/23/12 07/13/12	-Conspiracy to Advertise the Distribution of Child Pornography 17 ½ Years in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Joseph Matthew Wheeler, aka Wildman	10/27/11 04/12/12	-Conspiracy to Advertise the Distribution of Child Pornography 17 ½ Years in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Eric Myszke-Francis, aka Samsackk	10/04/11 01/12/12	-Conspiracy to Advertise the Distribution of Child Pornography 17 ½ Years in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Ivan E. Cerda, aka Mokoloko69	01/05/12 04/05/12	-Conspiracy to Advertise the Distribution of Child Pornography 262 Months in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
Milton Perry, aka Camy aka Blondie aka Lorwyn	12/01/11 04/12/12	-Conspiracy to Advertise the Distribution of Child Pornography 20 Years in Prison/Lifetime Supervised Release
<b>Defendant</b>	<b>Trial Conviction</b>	<b>Guilty on the Following Charges</b>
John Wyss, aka Bones	05/17/12 09/06/12	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise -Conspiracy to Advertise Child Pornography -Conspiracy to Distribute Child Pornography LIFE in Prison
<b>Defendant</b>	<b>Guilty Plea Date</b>	<b>Charges To Which Defendant Pled Guilty Sentencing Date</b>
Todd Stumpf, aka Winkee	03/02/12	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise <b>Sentencing Date: 10/29/12</b>
David Ettlinger, aka eel	08/15/12	-Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise <b>Sentencing Date: 11/29/12</b>
William A. Jewell, aka VladimirPutin	09/06/12	-Conspiracy to Distribute Child Pornography <b>Sentencing Date: 01/24/13</b>