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Shelbyville Man Sentenced to 151 Months for Receiving Child Pornography

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Joseph S. Gable, 63, of Shelbyville, Kentucky, was sentenced to 151 months in federal prison on Wednesday, by United States District Judge Gregory F. Van Tatenhove, for knowingly receiving child pornography.

Gable previously admitted that, in August of 2018, he knowingly received images of child pornography on his computer. A forensic examination of Gable's computer and electronic storage devices revealed 35,972 still images and 807 videos of child pornography, including some that depicted children under the age of 12 and some that depicted sadistic or masochistic conduct.

Under federal law, Gable must serve 85 percent of his prison sentence and will be under the supervision of the U.S. Probation Office for life following his release from prison.

“Child pornography and child exploitation cases are some of the most important and impactful cases that law enforcement encounters,” said Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky. “We, along with our federal, state, and local law enforcement partners, are committed to holding accountable those who manufacture, possess, or receive child pornography. To be clear, receiving child pornography is not a victimless crime. The creation of these images causes untold harm to the children depicted, and their victimization continues each time an image is shared with someone else. The defendant is well deserving of the sentence he received today.

United States Attorney Duncan, Steve Igyarto, Special Agent in Charge, Department of Homeland Security- Homeland Security Investigations (DHS-HSI), and Andy Beshear, Kentucky Attorney General, jointly announced the sentence.

The investigation was conducted by HSI and the Kentucky Office of Attorney General's Cyber Crimes Branch. The United States was represented by Assistant United States Attorney David Marye.

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