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Clinton Man Sentenced to 144 Months in Prison for Distribution, Receipt and Possession of Child Pornography

DAVENPORT, IA – On January 22, 2015, Ryan Lynn Nelson, age 31, of Clinton, Iowa, was sentenced by United States District Judge Stephanie M. Rose to 144 months in prison for distribution, receipt and possession of child pornography, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Nelson was also ordered to serve eight years of supervised release following the imprisonment, pay a fine of \$10,000, pay restitution to victims in the amount of \$2,500, and pay \$300 to the Crime Victims Fund. The computers and contraband images were ordered to be forfeited.

On August 12, 2011, law enforcement officers of the Iowa Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force identified an IP address associated with Nelson that had child pornography available for download, and obtained a list of files that the user was sharing, including numerous files that had names and labels associated with child pornography. Three files containing child pornography from the specific IP address were downloaded. A search warrant was later issued for Nelson's residence on October 3, 2011, where police searched the residence and found two computers containing numerous images of child pornography.

On March 6, 2014, Nelson pled guilty to all three counts of the indictment charging unlawful receipt of child pornography, unlawful distribution of child pornography and unlawful possession of child pornography.

This case was investigated by the Iowa Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force including the Scott County Sheriff's Office, the Davenport, Iowa, Police Department, the DeWitt, Iowa, Police Department, the Clinton County Sheriff's Office, and the Clinton, Iowa, Police Department. The case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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