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DARLINGTON MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR PRODUCTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

MADISON, WIS. -- John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Timmy Reichling, 47, Darlington, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 25 years in federal prison, followed by a life term of supervised release, for production of child pornography. Reichling pleaded guilty to this charge on June 11, 2014.

In August 2013, state and local law enforcement officers executed search warrants on the property where Reichling was living in Darlington, seizing several computers, cameras, and other electronic equipment. After examining those items, law enforcement discovered sexually explicit pictures and videos of several minor females.

The evidence showed that Reichling used various means to obtain the images, including posing as a teenage boy on the internet and convincing teenage girls to send him nude pictures, then threatening to tell their families if they stopped, to hiding cameras in the homes of people who knew and trusted him, to capture sexually explicit pictures and videos of minor children living in or visiting the homes. Reichling's criminal sexual exploitation of children was continuous beginning in 2008, through the time of his arrest in August 2013.

In sentencing Reichling, Judge Crabb observed that he took advantage of the young age of his victims, and his ability at his age to manipulate them and convince them to send him pictures. Reichling has pending charges in Lafayette County, Case No. 13CF30, related to this case. A status conference is set in that case for September 24, 2014.

The charge against Reichling was the result of an investigation conducted by the Darlington Police Department; Wisconsin State Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation; and Lafayette County Sheriff's Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Elizabeth Altman and Laura Przybylinski Finn.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who sexually exploit children, and to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.usdoj.gov/psc. For more information about internet safety education, please visit www.usdoj.gov/psc and click on the tab "resources."

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