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Wisconsin Man Gets 50 Years For Child Sex, Porn Conviction

GREEN BAY, Wis. — A Beaver Dam man was sentenced to 50 years in prison August 9 for enticing minors into sex acts and possessing child pornography.

William Martin, 34, was sentenced in U.S. District Court to 20 years in prison on each of two counts of sexual exploitation of children, and to 10 years in prison for one count of possessing child pornography. Martin was also sentenced to nine years supervised release.

During sentencing, Judge William Griesbach referred to Martin as the mastermind of an Internet-based child porn ring whose members sexually molested children and shared photographs, videos and live broadcasts of the acts with each other.

According to court documents, Martin lured several boys, some as young as nine years old, into his apartment, where he molested them and had them perform sex acts with each other. One witness said Martin gave the boys' mothers drugs to keep them occupied.

The case against Martin emerged after law en-

forcement authorities in Michigan arrested a man in 2003 who was a member of the ring. That man, Brian Scott Urbanawiz, ultimately pleaded guilty to child sex crimes last year and was sentenced to 35 years in prison. That case led FBI and ICE to Wisconsin where the investigation into the activities of William Martin and others resulted in the convictions of several men:

Joel Kline, 42, of Beaver Dam, Wis., was convicted of two counts of aggravated sexual abuse with children and two counts of travel with intent to engage in a sexual act with a juvenile. He was sentenced to two life terms in prison and three 360-month terms.

Adam Brown, 32, formerly a police officer in Riverside, Calif., was convicted of travel with intent to engage in a sexual act with a juvenile. He was sentenced to 365 months in prison.

Robert Hornyak, 60, of Milwaukee, Wis., was convicted of receiving and distributing child pornography and sentenced to 78 months in prison.

Kurt Sandvig, 44, of Kansas City, Mo., was convicted of travel with the intent to engage in a sexual act with a juvenile. He was sentenced to 360 months in prison.

“ICE and our law enforcement partners have succeeded in taking a group of child molesters off the streets for decades,” said Resident Agent-in-Charge Brian Falvey of the Milwaukee ICE office. “Our message to those who contemplate such crimes is this: We will not stand by as you prey on the most vulnerable among us. We will find you, prosecute you, and incarcerate you.”

Operation Predator is ICE's comprehensive initiative to safeguard children from foreign national pedophiles, international sex tourists, Internet child pornographers, and human traffickers.

Since Operation Predator began July 9, 2003, the initiative has resulted in more than 6,000 child predator arrests throughout the country, an average of 250 arrests per month or eight arrests per day.

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Members of the public wishing to report suspicious activity may contact ICE at 1-866-DHS-2ICE or Operation. Predator@dhs.gov.

Additionally, The National Center For Missing and Exploited Children can be contacted at 1-800-843-5678 or at <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

Additional information about Operation Predator is posted at www.ice.gov.

GANG MEMBERS INDICTED ON RICO CHARGES

ATLANTA, Ga. — An ICE-led investigation has resulted in a federal racketeering indictment against 18 members of a violent street gang known as "Sureños-13," or "SUR-13."

The indictment, brought under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act, charges most of the defendants with being part of a racketeering conspiracy. The remaining defendants are charged with violent crimes related to racketeering. As of August 8, 16 of those indicted had been arrested.



The indictment charges a variety of violent crimes, including murder, attempted murder, carjacking, armed robbery, and drug dealing. The indictment also charges eight defendants with conspiring to possess and possessing with the intent to distribute methamphetamine and marijuana. Four are charged with armed carjacking, and 12 defendants with firearms charges related to violent crimes and drug trafficking.

The indictment was part of a two-year investigation into the activities of SUR-13. In addition to this in-

dictment, the operation included the arrest and federal prosecution of seven other SUR-13 gang members, the deportation of 40 members and the seizure of 13 firearms and \$7,000 in cash over the course of the investigation.

Also arrested this weekend were approximately 11 SUR-13 members and associates who were residing illegally in the U.S. and who will likely face administrative deportation.

ICE Atlanta Special Agent-in-Charge Kenneth Smith said, "The success of this joint operation can be attributed to the cooperation and commitment of several local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in the Atlanta area. By targeting the leadership of this criminal organization, we will have a significant impact on their illegal activities, resulting in safer neighborhoods and communities. ICE is proud to be part of this collaborative effort."

For ICE, the case falls under Operation Community Shield, a nationwide ICE anti-gang initiative intended to disrupt, dismantle and assist in the criminal prosecution of violent gangs by employing the full range of authorities available to ICE.

ICE uses its broad immigration authorities (both criminal and administrative) against gang members, as well as its customs authorities in targeting gang-related narcotics smuggling and money laundering, and in seeking the forfeiture of illegally derived assets.

ICE and the Federal Bureau of Investigation handled the case in Atlanta. The Cobb, Fulton and Gwinnett County police departments in Georgia assisted in the investigation.



Jose Tapia, 22, is being sought by ICE. He is one of 18 SUR-13 gang members indicted on federal racketeering charges. If you have information on Tapia's whereabouts, call 1-866-DHS-2ICE.

This joint investigation is typical of Operation Community Shield, which involves strong partnerships and cooperation with existing federal, state and local anti-gang efforts. Such partnerships are essential to the success of the initiative and to ensure officer safety during operations. ICE uses intelligence on gang organizations and leadership provided by state and local authorities.

ICE offices abroad also play an important role in Operation Community Shield by coordinating efforts with foreign governments that also face challenging gang problems.

The initial target of Operation Community Shield was MS-13, which is one of the largest and most violent street gangs in the country. In February, ICE kicked off the initiative, resulting in the arrest of 103 members of MS-13. In May 2005, ICE expanded Operation Community Shield to include all criminal street gangs and prison gangs with foreign-born members. More than 1,000 gang members have now been arrested.

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ICE NABS NGO, EXEC FOR IMMIGRATION FRAUD

MIAMI, Fla. — An immigration assistance organization and its executive director have been indicted following an ICE investigation for immigration fraud.



ICE agents in Miami escort Gomez Accime following his arrest on immigration fraud charges.

ing false applications for immigration employment authorization. ICE agents arrested Accime July 27.

HACHO presented itself to the public as an organization

The Haitian American Community Help Organization of South Florida, Inc. ("HACHO") and HACHO Executive Director Gomez Accime were indicted on charges of conspiracy to commit mail fraud, mail fraud and present-

ing false applications for immigration employment authorization and other immigration benefits for aliens residing in the United States. According to the indictment, HACHO submitted more than 10,000 fraudulent applications to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS), for which it received more than \$3 million from the applicants.

The indictment charges that HACHO submitted applications without regard to the applicants' eligibility, falsely representing that the aliens submitting the applications were either refugees or employed as domestic or personal servants.

CIS routinely denied the applications for lack of documentation, but HACHO collected \$450 from each applicant.

"Those who think that they can defraud the government unnoticed need to think twice," said John Paletti, Acting Special Agent-in-Charge of ICE in Miami. "DHS partner agencies here in South Florida are working closely with the U.S. Attorney's Office to ensure that organizations like HACHO are brought to justice."

D.C. ICE AGENTS ARREST 16 IN "CARD SHARK"

WASHINGTON, D.C. — ICE special agents from Washington, D.C. arrested 16 individuals at five separate locations and seized counterfeit documents in a continuing operation to disrupt and dismantle false document, open-air markets in Washington, D.C. and Maryland.

ICE agents, assisted by the U.S. Secret Service, discovered and seized fraudulent Social Security cards, laminating machines, typewriters, and bags of documentary evidence. The aliens arrested remain in custody on immigration violations and some could face criminal charges.

At one location, ICE and Secret Service agents arrested an alien and discovered a firearm, along with several bags of fraudulent document stock, including fraudulent Social Security cards; laminates; a typewriter and a laminating machine. That individual remains in custody on criminal charges of alien in possession of a firearm.

"These arrests demonstrate our continuing commitment to rid the D.C. area of fraudulent document organizations," said Alan Doody, Special Agent-in-Charge of ICE Washington D.C. Investigations.

"False identity documents pose a serious homeland security threat in that they can be provided to criminals and terrorists and used for virtually any purpose. Working with our law enforcement partners, we will continue to target these organizations," Doody said.

The arrests are part of a continuing initiative called "Operation Card Shark." The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Joint Terrorism Task Force, U.S. Secret Service Uniform Division, the Social Security Administration's Office of the Inspector General, and the Metropolitan Police Department assisted in the investigation.



ICE agents have seized approximately 10,000 counterfeit documents like the ones shown above since the beginning of Operation Card Shark.

Since May 2002, Operation Card Shark has identified several document vending organizations and has dismantled three of them. Eleven search warrants have been executed, five document "mills" have been shut down, approximately 10,000 documents have been seized (with an estimated street value of \$450,000), over 159 aliens have been apprehended and 40 have been prosecuted.

Judge Orders Imam Linked to Al Qaeda Held

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — After hearing dramatic testimony tying the former imam of the Lodi, Calif., mosque to the Taliban and Al Qaeda, an immigration judge on August 9 ruled that the man poses both a threat to society and a flight risk.

Following a nearly four-hour custody proceeding, Immigration Judge Anthony Murry ordered that Shabbir Ahmed, 39, continue to be held by ICE without bond.

As part of the hearing, ICE attorneys presented a diagram showing the relationship between Ahmed and several other Lodi-area men who have been taken into custody as part of the ongoing investigation. One of those individuals, Imam Mohammad Adil Khan, who was arrested on immigration violations, recently agreed to be removed to Pakistan. Two other men, Umer Hayat, and his son, Hamid Hayat, have been indicted on criminal charges in connection with the case.

According to testimony offered by an agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Hamid Hayat went to an Al Qaeda training camp in Pakistan where he was schooled on how to commit violent acts targeting Americans and American institutions. Upon returning to the United States, the FBI agent explained, the younger Hayat was to await orders for his mission. The orders were to be relayed through Ahmed.

“We believe the evidence ICE presented today clearly shows that this individual is a danger to the safety of our country,” said San Francisco ICE Chief Counsel Ronald E. Le Fevre. “We are pleased that the immigration judge has ordered that he continue to be detained without bond.”

According to ICE attorneys, Ah-

med’s long-term goal was to establish a madrassah, a religious school, in Lodi similar to the madrassah in Pakistan where he and Mohammad Adil Khan previously worked. Evidence presented at the proceeding showed that this madrassah has been used to recruit individuals to engage in jihad.

ICE agents arrested Ahmed June 6 for violating the terms of his visa. The August 9 proceeding was a continuation of an earlier custody hearing held June 24, where Ahmed admitted making anti-American speeches. He is due to return to immigration court October 25 for a hearing on the merits of his case.

SOUTH AFRICAN GETS THREE YEARS FOR ILLEGALLY EXPORTING NUKE TECH

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A federal judge has sentenced a South African man to three years in prison for his role in exporting technology with nuclear weapons applications to Pakistan and India.

Asher Karni, 51, pleaded guilty in September 2004 to unlawfully exporting from the United States triggered spark gaps, which can be used to detonate nuclear warheads, and oscilloscopes, which have applications in the testing and development of nuclear weapons. The guilty plea and sentencing of Karni followed a joint investigation by the Department of Commerce and ICE agents.

“The proliferation of nuclear components is not only a homeland security threat, but a global threat,” said Assistant Secretary Michael Garcia. “This case in particular raised serious concerns. The technology involved, the destination of these goods, and the clear efforts to disguise the trail of the shipments raised the stakes even higher.”

Karni was the owner of a firm in Cape Town, South Africa, known as Top-Cape Technology (“Top-Cape”), which specialized in the import and export of high-end electronics products. In 2002, Karni was contacted by the owner of an

Islamabad, Pakistan, business and asked to acquire certain models of oscilloscopes manufactured in the United States. Because these particular models of oscilloscopes have applications in the testing and development of nuclear weapons and missile delivery systems, the Department of Commerce requires anyone seeking to export them to certain countries, including Pakistan, to obtain a license. Karni supplied the equipment without obtaining the license, funneling them through South Africa and then on to Pakistan.

Karni was contacted again in June 2003 and was asked to purchase triggered spark gaps for a customer in Pakistan, which the United States prohibits for non-proliferation reasons. In October 2003, Commerce and ICE agents tracked the first installment of 66 triggered spark gaps as the package traveled from the United States to Top-Cape in South Africa and then on to Pakistan through the United Arab Emirates. Outstanding cooperation between U. S. and South African law enforcement agencies led to searches in New Jersey and South Africa.

On January 1, 2004, agents arrested Karni as he entered the United States at Denver International Airport.

ICE WINS FIRST REMOVAL UNDER NEW INTEL REFORM ACT POWERS

ATLANTA, Ga. — A 54 year-old man suspected of committing numerous acts of torture in his native Ethiopia has been ordered deported. The case represents the first removal order obtained by ICE under the new authorities of the recently enacted Intelligence Reform Act of 2004.

Kelbessa Negewo was responsible for arresting, torturing and killing perceived political opponents in his native Ethiopia. During the 1970's, Negewo served as chairman of the Higher Zone 9, one of several specialized units in Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa, which employed a campaign of torture, arbitrary imprisonment and summary executions against perceived enemies of the government. The campaign was called "Red Terror."

Negewo came to the United States as a student. He obtained immigration benefits and ultimately became a citizen. ICE agents subsequently initiated an investigation into Negewo after several of his torture victims who had relocated from Ethiopia to Atlanta encountered him in the city by chance.

The ICE investigation revealed that Negewo made false statements about his past human rights violations. ICE agents arrested Negewo and he was ordered removed by an immigration judge on July 26.

MAN GETS 25 YEARS FOR SCHEME TO ARM COLOMBIAN TERRORISTS

TAMPA, Fla. — A Colombian man has been sentenced to 25 years in prison for attempting to illegally export arms to a Colombian terrorist organization.

Carlos Enrique Gamarra-Murillo, 54, pleaded guilty earlier this year to the charges. He was arrested by ICE agents following an undercover investigation into Gamarra-Murillo's attempt to acquire arms for Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC), a U.S.-designated foreign terrorist organization in Colombia.

The case began in March 2003, when Gamarra-Murillo met with an ICE confidential informant (CI) in Colombia and said that he was interested in purchasing numerous firearms and other weapons and bringing them into Colombia for a client. Over the next year, the CI and ICE undercover agents met with Gamarra-Murillo to arrange the deal.

On April 1, 2004, Gamarra-Murillo met in Tampa with

the CI and ICE undercover agents to finalize the \$4 million deal for machine guns, grenade launchers and grenades, assault rifles, handguns and ammunition. Gamarra-Murillo told the ICE agents to deliver the munitions to an airstrip in Venezuela where members of FARC would receive the goods. He told the ICE agents that payment would be made at the airstrip, 40 percent in U.S. currency and 60 percent in cocaine.

During the negotiations, Gamarra-Murillo also told the ICE agents that he was interested in negotiating for Stinger missiles and Russian-made surface-to-air missiles in a future transaction. He was then arrested by ICE agents and taken into custody.

ICE NABS 119 ILLEGAL ALIENS IN ARKANSAS IDENTITY THEFT CASE

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. — ICE special agents arrested 119 illegal aliens July 26 at an Arkansas poultry plant in an identity theft investigation.

Those arrested were working for Petit Jean Poultry, Inc., in Arkadelphia, Ark., using actual identities of United States citizens. Agents from the ICE Texarkana Office were joined by 30 agents from other ICE offices.

The ICE New Orleans Office of Investigations conducted an employee audit, and special agents from the Little Rock (Ark.) Office of the Social Security Administration's Inspector General assisted in the operation.

The operation stemmed from an ICE investigation that culminated in the December 2004 arrest of a former Petit Jean employee. The employee, Maria Moreno of Arkadelphia, Ark., pleaded guilty Feb. 14 to multiple counts of a federal indictment charging that she unlawfully sold identity documents and social security cards. Approximately \$60,000 in cash was seized from Moreno.

The arrested aliens were turned over to ICE Detention and Removal Operations. Fraudulently used Social Security numbers will be provided to the Social Security Administration and the Internal Revenue Service.



An ICE agent leads one of 119 illegal aliens arrested at an Arkansas poultry plant following an investigation into identity theft.

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San Juan "Night Out"



As a young visitor, center, checks out the controls on a U.S. Customs and Border Protection Black Hawk helicopter, ICE Special Agent William Marrero, left, chats with Lydia St. John Mellado, Acting Special Agent-in-Charge of ICE San Juan, Puerto Rico. ICE agents joined the municipality of San Juan in its fifth edition of "National Night Out Against Crime." The event involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 50 communities in the capital city.