

RECENT CHILD EXPLOITATION PROSECUTIONS

FACT SHEET



Since April 1, 2013, the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Delaware and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), have successfully prosecuted a number of child exploitation cases targeting the most dangerous offenders – men who: (1) committed acts of physical sexual abuse of children; (2) used the internet to meet or to attempt to meet children for sexual purposes; (3) produced or attempted to produce child pornography featuring children; (4) distributed large quantities of child pornography; or (5) were repeat offenders who had previously been convicted of such crimes.

Unless indicated otherwise below, each of these cases was investigated by HSI and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Edward J. McAndrew.

RECENT CHILD EXPLOITATION SENTENCINGS

CANADIAN MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON FOR ENTICEMENT OF 14-YEAR-OLD GIRL HE MET ONLINE

United States v. David Gellad Crim. No. 11-88-SLR

On May 13, 2013, David Gellad, age 45, of Rosemere, Quebec, Canada, was sentenced to 15 years in prison for coercion and enticement of a 14-year-old girl he met online, in violation of federal law. Following his prison term, Gellad will be deported and will be subject to a 5-year period of supervised release if he ever re-enters the United States. Gellad was also ordered to pay \$101,000 in restitution to the victim and her family.

In October 2010, Gellad identified a 13-year-old, seventh grade girl from this area after the child posted her picture and actual name on an online social networking and picture sharing website called Free Foto Messenger (“FFM”). Posing as a 19-year-old boy, Gellad engaged in an online relationship with her over the next 11 months. After the relationship developed online, Gellad told the child he was 38 years old (he was actually 43 years old) and was deeply in love with her. Between March and June 2011, Gellad traveled from Montreal to Southeastern Pennsylvania and Delaware on two occasions to meet the victim in person. In March 2011, Gellad flew from Montreal to Philadelphia International Airport and met the victim in the woods behind her house on her fourteenth birthday. The next day, while the victim’s parents were at work, Gellad engaged in sexual acts with the victim in her Southeastern Pennsylvania residence. In June 2011, Gellad traveled from Montreal to Southeastern Pennsylvania, gave the victim alcohol, and then drove the intoxicated victim to a Marriott hotel in Newark, Delaware, where they engaged in sexual conduct.

Shortly after the June 2011 encounter in Newark, Delaware, the victim’s father found text messages between the two on his daughter’s iPod Touch and notified the Pennsylvania State Police. Gellad fled the United States back to Canada before he could be arrested. Following a joint investigation by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Pennsylvania State Police, the University of Delaware Police Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Gellad was

charged with federal child exploitation crimes in June 2011. On July 23, 2011, Gellad was arrested as he attempted to re-enter the United States at the Highgate Springs Port of Entry, in Swanton, Vermont. He has been detained in federal custody since his arrest.

**PENNSYLVANIA REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER SENTENCED TO
20 YEARS IN PRISON FOR ATTEMPTED ONLINE CHILD
ENTICEMENT**

United States v. Scott Allan Rupert

On April 19, 2013, Scott Allen Rupert, age 43, of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, was sentenced to 20 years in prison for attempted coercion and enticement of a minor, in violation of federal law. Following his prison term, Rupert will be placed on supervised release and will be required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

On December 2, 2011, Rupert contacted an undercover federal agent posing as a 14-year-old girl in a Yahoo chat room. Within minutes of beginning the first of over twenty online chats leading to his arrest, Rupert learned that the undercover agent was a 14-year-old girl and asked 'her' to meet him for sexual activity. In the ensuing weeks, Rupert and the undercover agent engaged in numerous online conversations about sex acts that they would engage in, with Rupert transmitting sexually explicit images of himself to the fictitious minor via online picture sharing software. They also made arrangements to meet at Bellevue State Park on a weekday, when the fictitious minor would stay home from school. Rupert was arrested on January 9, 2012, after he traveled from his Pottstown home to Bellevue State Park to the fictitious 14-year-old girl for sexual activity. He has been incarcerated since his arrest.

This is the second time that Rupert has been convicted of an online child enticement offense. Rupert was arrested on April 12, 2006 in a similar online sting operation conducted by the Virginia State Police and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, while he was on active duty in the United States Navy and stationed in Norfolk, Virginia. In July 2006, Rupert was convicted in a general court martial of Enticement of a Minor under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Rupert was sentenced to four years of confinement in the Navy Brig.

Rupert was released from confinement on June 24, 2008, and registered as a sex offender.

**FORMER CHURCH EMPLOYEE SENTENCED TO
10 YEARS IN PRISON FOR ATTEMPTED ONLINE CHILD
ENTICEMENT**

On April 10, 2013, Jeffrey Darlin, age 56, of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for Attempted Coercion and Enticement of a Minor, in violation of federal law. Darlin also was ordered to serve 5 years of supervised release following his prison term, and must register as a sex offender in any U.S. jurisdiction in which he lives, works, or attends school.

Darlin was arrested on February 10, 2012, after he traveled from his Swarthmore home to Bellevue State Park, in Delaware, to meet a person he believed to be a 14-year-old girl for sexual activity. At the time of his arrest, Darlin was the facilities manager at the Swarthmore Presbyterian Church.

Darlin began his online relationship with an undercover federal agent posing as a 14-year-old girl in a Yahoo chat room on January 21, 2012. During their initial online chats, Darlin instructed the supposed 14-year-old high school cheerleader and gymnast how to delete all evidence of their online communications from 'her' computer and then engaged in numerous online conversations in which he repeatedly talked about teaching the fictitious minor how to engage in various sex acts. Using a computer located in his church office, Darlin sent the fictitious minor pictures of himself engaged in sexual acts, to illustrate the type of acts he would perform with 'her.' Darlin arranged to meet the fictitious minor at Bellevue State Park and then take 'her' to a hotel on Route 202 for sexual activity.

Darlin was arrested after arriving at Bellevue State Park on February 10, 2012 for the pre-arranged meeting with the undercover agent. Upon being advised of the arrest, Swarthmore Presbyterian Church officials terminated Darlin and cooperated fully in the criminal investigation. Darlin has been detained since his February 10, 2012 arrest.

RECENT CHILD EXPLOITATION CONVICTIONS

CONVICTED CHILD SEX OFFENDER PLEADS GUILTY TO RECEIPT OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

United States v. David Kevin Schultz Crim. No. 12-68-SLR

On May 16, 2013, David Kevin Schultz, age 54, of Laurel, Delaware pled guilty to receipt of child pornography, in violation of federal law.

Schultz is a previously convicted and registered sex offender. On October 31, 1995, Schultz was convicted of Unlawful Sexual Intercourse Third Degree and Unlawful Sexual Penetration Third Degree Victim Less Than 16 Years Old, in violation of Delaware law. In that case, Schultz pled guilty to sexually assaulting a 13-year-old girl. Schultz was sentenced to 1.5 years of work release, followed by 3.5 years of probation. He also was required to register as a sex offender.

The investigation resulting in the current conviction began in January 2012, when Department of Homeland Security agents received information relating to Schultz's involvement with child pornography from a man who was arrested in a separate child sexual assault investigation in Maryland. Federal law enforcement agents executed a search warrant at Schultz's Laurel, Delaware residence in April 2012, seizing over 30 computers and other physical evidence. During a forensic examination of the computer equipment, agents found that Schultz had used the computers to receive and possess child pornography featuring young teen females via the Internet. Agents also found still images and a video of a female minor and a young adult male engaging in various sex acts in Schultz's Laurel home.

Schultz, who will be sentenced on August 27, 2013 by United States District Judge Sue L. Robinson, faces a mandatory minimum prison sentence of 15 years to a maximum prison sentence of 40 years. Schultz also faces a maximum fine of \$250,000. Following his prison sentence, Schultz must be placed on supervised release for a mandatory minimum period of 5 years, to a maximum life term. Schultz also will be required to continue to register as a sex offender in every jurisdiction in which he lives, works or attends school. Schultz has been detained since his August 15, 2012 arrest.

**SOUTH JERSEY RETIREE PLEADS GUILTY TO
POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND
ATTEMPTED TRANSMISSION OF OBSCENITY TO A MINOR**

**United States v. Harry Troupe
Crim. No. 12-63-GMS**

On April 22, 2013, Harry F. Troupe, age 65, of Sewell, New Jersey pled guilty to possession of child pornography and attempted transfer of obscene matter to a minor, in violation of federal law.

In February 2012, Troupe came to the attention of a U.S. Department of Homeland Security Special Agent who was posing online as a 14-year-old girl. According to court filings, Troupe, a retiree, offered to “teach” the fictitious minor about sexual activity and asked to meet her in person to engage in sexual activity. Over 3 months, Troupe engaged the fictitious minor in a number of video chats during which Troupe repeatedly transmitted images and videos of adult pornography to the fictitious minor to illustrate how to perform different sex acts. In the same sessions, Troupe transmitted live views of himself performing a sex act. Troupe also asked the fictitious minor to take nude photographs of her genitals and to transmit them to him via the Internet.

During the investigation, federal agents learned that Troupe had been simultaneously engaged in similar behavior with undercover detectives in three separate jurisdictions, as a result of which Troupe has been charged with child exploitation crimes in Monroe County, Pennsylvania and Atlantic County and Somerset County, New Jersey.

On August 2, 2012, federal agents executed a federal search warrant at the Sewell, New Jersey residence. During an examination of computer equipment seized from Troupe’s residence, agents located approximately 26,680 instant message chat logs of a sexual nature between Troupe and various people, including over 120 minors. These children were between the ages of 10 and 17 years old, and located in 24 states and 9 different countries.

During the chats, Troupe requested sexually explicit images of each child and often provided live webcam access to the child of himself masturbating and

transmitted pornographic images to the child. Approximately 50 images of nude teenage girls (appearing to range in age from 13-18) were recovered from Troupe's computer. Most of these images appear to have been self-produced by the teens between 2006 and just days before the search.

Troupe, who will be sentenced on September 12, 2013 by Chief United States District Judge Gregory M. Sleet, faces a maximum sentence of ten years in prison, a fine of up to \$250,000 and a mandatory term of 5 years, to life, of supervised release following his prison sentence. Troupe also will be required to register as a sex offender in any U.S. jurisdiction in which he lives, works, or attends school. Troupe has been detained since his August 2, 2012 arrest by federal agents.

**NORTH WILMINGTON MAN CONVICTED OF
RECEIPT OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

**United States v. Jason Jay Mills
Crim. No. 12-93-RGA**

On May 14, 2013, Jason Jay Mills, age 36, of Wilmington, Delaware, pled guilty to receipt of child pornography, in violation of federal law.

Mills came to the attention of law enforcement after the United States Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations received information about users of a child pornography website from the National Centre for Combating Pedophilia Online (Centro Nazionale per il Contrasto alla Pedopornografia On-line, or C.N.C.P.O.) located within the Italian State Police Postal and Communication Service. The website was identified by the domain name “www.liberalmorality.com.”

Federal law enforcement agents executed a search warrant on the Pennsylvania-based computer servers that were hosting the “liberalmorality.com” child pornography website. Data obtained from that search warrant was used to identify each computer user who accessed files depicting child pornography on the “liberalmorality.com” website. Jason Mills was identified as someone who accessed images of child pornography on the website.

On November 29, 2012, law enforcement agents interviewed Mills at his North Wilmington residence. During the interview, Mills admitted to having child pornography featuring “14-15 year old teen girls” on his computer. Mills told the agents he had been accessing child pornography online for 2-3 years. Mills also stated that he viewed child pornography about once per week.

Mills consented to the seizure of his desktop computer from his residence. After agents confirmed the presence of hundreds of images of child pornography in just one file folder on that computer, Mills was arrested on the morning of November 30, 2012.

During a subsequent search of his residence, which was located within two blocks of a North Wilmington elementary school, agents recovered additional

computer equipment containing over 40,000 additional images of child pornography depicting mostly girls ranging in age from infancy to about 8 years old being violently raped and sexually abused by adult males. A large collection of the images depict genital mutilation and dead bodies of children and women who were violently raped and killed – many by shooting, stabbing or strangulation.

Agents also found a number of high-powered assault rifles, knives and swords in the residence, including AR-15, AK-47, and M-4 rifles. Agents also recovered various life-size, prepubescent, female dolls that had been mutilated.

Mills, who will be sentenced on September 18, 2013 by United States District Judge Richard G. Andrews, faces a mandatory minimum sentence of five years, to a maximum sentence of twenty years in prison, a fine of up to \$250,000 and a term of supervised release following his prison sentence of at least five years to life. Mills also will be required to register as a sex offender in any U.S. jurisdiction in which he lives, works, or attends school. Mills has been detained since his November 30, 2012 arrest.

RECENT CHILD EXPLOITATION INDICTMENT

CONVICTED CHILD RAPIST INDICTED FOR DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

United States v. Sean Lawrence Crim. No. 13-41-SLR

On April 11, 2013, Sean Lawrence, age 40, of Kansas City, Missouri, was indicted in the District of Delaware on one count of transportation of child pornography, in violation of federal law.

Lawrence is a twice convicted child rapist. In 1995, Lawrence was convicted of Sodomy/Sexual Abuse I, in Franklin County, Missouri, for sodomizing a 6-year-old boy. Lawrence was sentenced to 5 years of probation and ordered to undergo sex offender counseling. Lawrence was discharged from such counseling due to lack of progress and his continued use of “pornographic” materials. In March 2005, Lawrence was convicted of Statutory Sodomy II in Clayton County, Missouri, for repeatedly sodomizing a 14-year-old boy over a 7-week period. Lawrence gained access to the victim by becoming acquainted with the boy’s mother, while serving as the boy’s bowling instructor. Lawrence was sentenced to 5 years of confinement, and was released from custody on January 22 2009. While incarcerated, Lawrence was discharged from the Missouri Sex Offender Program for unsuccessful participation.

Lawrence’s latest child exploitation crimes came to light in February 2013, when an undercover HSI Special Agent located in Delaware identified Lawrence as distributing large quantities of child pornography via a non-public peer-to-peer network. The investigation also revealed that Lawrence was using public “wi-fi” hotspots in Kansas City, Missouri -- including community college and public libraries, McDonald’s and Burger King restaurants -- to distribute child pornography to over 100 other child sex offenders located throughout the United States.

After tracking Lawrence to Kansas City, the Delaware-based agent enlisted the assistance of HSI’s Kansas City Field Office in apprehending Lawrence. Because Lawrence was using public “wi-fi” and a mobile device to engage in child

pornography distribution, the agents determined that it would be best to attempt to intercept him while he was engaged in such conduct in a public place.

On February 14, 2013, at approximately 4:00 p.m., HSI agents apprehended Lawrence in the Metropolitan Community College library, in Kansas City. Lawrence had an open laptop computer in front of him, was accessing child pornography, and was communicating with HSI agents located in Delaware and Philadelphia at that time.

During a subsequent interview, Lawrence told law enforcement agents that he had traded 100 to 1,000 child pornography images and videos via file sharing programs and email each day since 1999, except during his time in prison. Lawrence expressed a sexual interest in overweight boys ranging in age from infancy to 18 years old.

A forensic examination of Lawrence's laptop revealed over 10,000 still images and 200 videos of child pornography, featuring mostly prepubescent boys engaged in sexual acts with adult males or other boys. A significant number of the files depict violence, sadistic or masochistic abuse or bondage. Also found on Lawrence's laptop were numerous online chat logs and associated Skype recordings, in which Lawrence engaged in sexual conversations and webcam-based sex acts with teenage boys.

If convicted of transportation of child pornography, Lawrence would face a mandatory minimum prison sentence of 15 years to a maximum prison sentence of 40 years. Lawrence also would face a maximum fine of \$250,000, and a supervised release term of a mandatory minimum period of 5 years, to a maximum of life. Lawrence has been detained since his February 2013 arrest.

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