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Kewaunee Man Sentenced for Child Pornography Distribution

United States Attorney Matthew D. Krueger of the Eastern District of Wisconsin, announced that on September 4, 2019, Kyle D. Sanderson (age: 19) of Kewaunee, Wisconsin, was sentenced to 60 months in federal prison by Chief District Judge William C. Griesbach.

In April of 2018, the Department of Homeland Security was notified by a Canadian-based social media company that an individual known online as "Rp.Destiny" was sending pornographic images and videos of children to another user. Based on that information local law enforcement sought a search warrant and were able to identify "Rp.Destiny" as Kyle D. Sanderson.

Further investigation revealed that Sanderson exchanged passcodes with another individual online. These passcodes allowed them to access each other's child pornography libraries utilizing a cloud storage application based in New Zealand. In total, investigators located approximately 4,400 images or videos depicting pornography on Sanderson's smart phone, many involving the abuse of toddlers and infants.

At sentencing, Chief Judge Griesbach noted the serious nature of the crime and the need to send a message of deterrence to both Sanderson and the community. Chief Judge Griesbach also ordered Sanderson to spend 5 years on supervised release after his discharge from federal prison. Sanderson also will have to register as a sex offender.

This case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigations, with the assistance of the Kewaunee County Sheriff's Office and the City of Kewaunee Police Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel R. Humble.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006, by the U.S. Department of Justice. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

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