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FORMER GREENE COUNTY RESIDENT SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR PRODUCTION AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that STEPHAN WAYNER, a 54-year old former resident of Greene County, Indiana, pled guilty and was sentenced yesterday to 180 months imprisonment by U.S. District Judge Sarah Evans Barker for producing and possessing child pornography. This case was the result of an investigation by the Indiana State Police, with assistance from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the U.S. Secret Service, the Cincinnati Police Department, the Greene County Prosecutor's Office, and the Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. WAYNER now resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.

WAYNER's collection of child pornography was initially discovered by his former employer in Ohio, who promptly notified law enforcement officials in Cincinnati. Child pornography was recovered from the business in Ohio and WAYNER's Greene County, Indiana residence. The investigation determined that WAYNER possessed computer images of child pornography for several years. Also, WAYNER secretly used a hidden camera and other means to produced additional material involving a sleeping minor, whose identity remains confidential under the provisions of federal law protecting the rights of minor victims. This victim did not consent to or knowingly participate in the production of the material.

The evidence established that WAYNER distributed and received child pornography through several internet web sites to and from other interested persons. The child pornography he received through the internet included material involving prepubescent minors as well as depictions of violence.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Steven D. DeBrota, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker also imposed a life term of supervised release following WAYNER's release from imprisonment. WAYNER was also ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine and forfeit all of the computer equipment and storage media involved.

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