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PINELLAS COUNTY TEACHER SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Tampa, Florida - Kenneth Fire, age 50, a former Maximo Elementary school teacher, was sentenced yesterday in U.S. District Court in Tampa, Florida, to 5 years imprisonment for distribution, receipt, and possession of child pornography.

According to court records, Kenneth Fire was involved in the distribution and receipt of child pornography over the internet, and actively traded child pornographic images with numerous individuals, specifically including individuals residing in Germany. The defendant was found in possession of hundreds of depictions of child pornography, including images of young boys. At the time of his arrest in this case, Kenneth Fire had been employed with the Pinellas County School District for twenty-five (25) years, and was working at the Maximo Elementary School.

The case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anthony E. Porcelli.