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DERIDDER, LA MAN GETS TEN YEARS IN PRISON FOR ATTEMPTING TO ENTICE A MINOR TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY

Man will be under court supervision for life

Lafayette, Louisiana . . . United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced that **BRYAN YOUNG**, age 36, of DeRidder, Louisiana, was sentenced today in United States District Court for his role in attempting to entice a minor to engage in criminal sexual activity. U.S. District Judge Rebecca F. Doherty sentenced YOUNG to 120 months in prison followed by supervised release for the remainder of his life..

YOUNG was indicted in January 2008 and pleaded guilty on August 27, 2008 to one count of attempting to entice a minor to engage in criminal sexual activity.

Members of local law enforcement in DeRidder, Louisiana, received information from the Riverside California Sheriff's Office that the defendant was communicating with a 14-year old boy in Riverside, California. Further investigation revealed that the defendant identified himself in the chats as to where he lived and had also given his telephone number, which number was determined

to be registered to the defendant. YOUNG repeatedly talked with the young boy about sexual activity and asked the boy to call him so that the defendant could perform sexual activity while talking to the victim. While chatting with YOUNG, the victim informed him he was only 14 years old, to which YOUNG indicated that was okay with him.

Judge Doherty, when imposing the sentence stated that YOUNG was a predator who could never be trusted with children. She further stated that because she sentenced YOUNG to lifetime supervision after being released from prison, any attempt on the part of YOUNG to have unsupervised contact with a child after being released from prison could result in him being sentenced to life in prison.

U. S. Attorney Donald Washington stated: “This office is completely dedicated to using the full force of federal law to bring to justice those who sexually exploit our children. The blunt force of child exploitation must be met by vigorous investigations and prosecutions seeking maximum punishment.”

Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

This case was investigated by the Louisiana State Police, the Riverside California Sheriff’s Office, and DeRidder Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney John Luke Walker.

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