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Coeur d'Alene Man Sentenced for Possessing Sexually Explicit Images of Minors

COEUR D'ALENE – Loren Stanley Hall, 70, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, was sentenced today in United States District Court to 70 months in prison, followed by 5 years of supervised release for possession of sexually explicit images of minors, U.S. Attorney Wendy J. Olson announced. United States District Judge Edward J. Lodge also ordered Hall to pay \$5,000 in restitution to a victim, and a \$100 special assessment fee. Hall pleaded guilty to the charge on January 30, 2014.

According to the plea agreement, in June 2012, a police officer, working with the Idaho Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, discovered that a computer in Coeur d'Alene was making child pornography available on the Internet. The officer was able to download the file from a publicly available Internet network. He observed that the file contained a video of minors involved in sexually explicit conduct with an adult. Using digital information the officer obtained when downloading the file, the officer was able to determine that the video was being made available from Hall's residence in Coeur d'Alene.

In October 2012, a federal search warrant was served on Hall's residence. According to the plea agreement, Hall told officers that he had been downloading pornography involving "younger girls." A forensic examiner with the United States Secret Service examined Hall's computer, and other digital storage devices found in his home, and found that Hall had at least 50 movies depicting minors engaged in sexual explicit conduct. The examiner determined that Hall had used search terms such as "underage," "pre-teen," "kiddy," "man boy love," and other search

terms to find his child pornography. Law enforcement officers were able to determine that the videos in Hall's collection involved children from Washington, Texas, New Hampshire, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Georgia, and a number of foreign countries.

The case was investigated by the Kootenai County Prosecutor's Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Marshals Service, Coeur d'Alene Police Department, Idaho Attorney General's Office, Meridian Police Department, and United States Secret Service, all members of the Idaho Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who sexually exploit children, and to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.usdoj.gov/psc. For more information about internet safety education, please visit www.usdoj.gov/psc and click on the tab "resources."

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