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7 Year Sentence for Man Who Disseminated Child Pornography

The Kendall County State's Attorney Eric Weis announced that Joshua French of Plano, Illinois was sentenced to 7 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections by the Honorable Jody Gleason for one count of Child Pornography, in an agreed plea and sentence last month.

The charges stemmed from a multi-jurisdictional investigation involving both the Kendall County Sheriff's Office, the Illinois Attorney General's Office, and the Lisle Police Department.

Detectives were able to track the cyber tip that was received from the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to a X "twitter" account that had shared images of child pornography. Through various investigative techniques, those messages were traced back to French and a search of his house was conducted back in November of 2024. Charges were later filed after a thorough search of all the electronic devices located in the house.

Weis stated that while French did not have any prior criminal history, his prison sentence was warranted based upon the nature of the charges. "Some people out there lose sight that each of these videos that investigators find contained a child who had been victimized, and individuals who disseminate and share this material are just perpetuating the cycle."

French will have to register as a sex offender for the remainder of his life based upon the conviction and will serve 3 years to life on mandatory supervised release, formerly known as parole.

The case was prosecuted by Criminal Division Chief Frank Gorup. French was represented by the Public Defender's Office.