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Aloha Man Sentenced to Federal Prison for Distributing Sexually Explicit Images and Videos of Children

PORTLAND, Ore.—An Aloha, Oregon man was sentenced to federal prison Wednesday for possessing and distributing thousands of photos and videos depicting child sexual abuse.

Jason Reuben, 42, was sentenced to 80 months in federal prison and 10 years' supervised release. Reuben must also pay \$8,000 in special assessments and \$14,000 in restitution, and, upon his release from prison, will be required to register as a sex offender.

According to court documents, in June 2022, law enforcement officers in New Albany, Ohio gained access to a private chat group used to share sexually explicit images and videos of children on Kik Messenger, an instant messaging mobile application. Investigators observed one member of the group, later determined to be Reuben, post several illicit media files. Investigators soon discovered that six separate CyberTipline reports from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children tracked back to an internet protocol (IP) address associated with Reuben's Aloha residence.

On July 26, 2022, investigators executed a federal search warrant on Reuben's residence and seized multiple digital devices containing more than 48,000 images and videos of child sexual abuse, including many depicting the abuse of young children and toddlers. Reuben admitted to possessing the illicit material and accessing the Kik messaging service.

On September 21, 2022, a federal grand jury in Portland returned a five-count indictment charging Reuben with distributing and possessing child pornography. On October 19, 2023, he pleaded guilty to distributing child pornography.

This case was investigated by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) with assistance from the New Albany Police Department. It was prosecuted by Charlotte Kelley and Gary Sussman, Assistant U.S. Attorneys for the District of Oregon.

Anyone who has information about the physical or online exploitation of children are encouraged to contact HSI at (866) 347-2423 or submit a tip online at report.cybertip.org.

Federal law defines child pornography as any visual depiction of sexually explicit conduct involving a minor. It is important to remember child sexual abuse material depicts actual crimes being committed against children. Not only do these images and videos document the victims' exploitation and abuse, but when shared across the internet, they re-victimize and re-traumatize

the child victims each time their abuse is viewed. To learn more, please visit the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children at www.missingkids.org.

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. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.justice.gov/psc.

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