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Former Clark County Deputy Sentenced to 30 Years

Lied to Winchester Police, FBI about 14-year-old Girl's Whereabouts After Taking Her Across State Lines with the Intent to Have Sexual Relations

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LEXINGTON, Ky. — Charles R. Wise, former Clark County deputy sheriff and Winchester locksmith, was sentenced today to 30 years in federal prison, supervised release for life and ordered to pay a restitution of \$9,500 to the mother of the 14-year-old girl. Wise was convicted of traveling out of state with a minor, lying to a federal officer and possessing child pornography.

Wise, 38, traveled to Arkansas in January of this year and brought a 14-year-old girl back to Kentucky with the intention to have sex with her, after meeting her on the internet in October of last year. During the four day period that the girl was with Wise, he lied to Winchester police and the FBI about the girls whereabouts.

Clarence Dunn, who helped Wise kidnap the girl, was also sentenced today to 18 months in federal prison and 3 years of supervised release, after being convicted of traveling out of state with a minor and knowingly aiding and abetting.

United States Attorney, Amul R. Thapar, was satisfied with the sentence that was handed down.

“We are pleased to know that another predator will be behind bars for the majority of his life and away from our children,” Thapar said.

He also added that parents must educate their children about the dangers of “chatting” on the internet with strangers. He emphasized that this is a vital step in protecting children from these heinous criminals.

“Parents must be aware of what their children are doing on the computer and who they are contacting on the internet,” Thapar said. “Unfortunately, predators are lurking in many corners of cyberspace.”

Amul R. Thapar, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, and Tracy A. Reinhold, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, jointly made the announcement today after the sentencing. The investigation preceding the guilty plea was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Winchester Police Department. Assistant United States Attorneys, Mark Wohlander and Erin May, represented the United States in the case.

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