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Maryland Man Sentenced to Eight Years in Prison For Sexually Abusing 13-Year Old Girl - Defendant Also Provided Victim With Pornographic Pictures and Videos -

WASHINGTON - Marcus Credle, 43, of Greenbelt, Md., was sentenced today to eight years of incarceration on a criminal charge stemming from the sexual abuse of a 13-year-old girl, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Credle pled guilty in June 2011 to a charge of attempted first degree sexual abuse. He was sentenced in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia by the Honorable William M. Jackson. Upon his release from prison, Credle must register as a sex offender for 10 years.

At the plea hearing, Credle admitted that in July 2010 he engaged the then 13-year-old victim, whom he had met at church, in various sex acts, including vaginal intercourse, on three separate occasions at a home in Northeast Washington. In June and July 2010, the defendant groomed the victim to have sex with him by having conversations with her about sex, providing her with pornographic videos, sending her sexually explicit pictures and videos by cell phone, and asking her to send him sexually explicit pictures and videos by cell phone.

At today's sentencing, Judge Jackson emphasized the egregious nature of Credle's conduct in sexually abusing the young victim and in grooming her for that sexual abuse.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen expressed his appreciation to the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), especially Detectives Darryn Robinson and Bridget Parrish. He also commended the work of Legal Assistant Ashley Patterson, Paralegals Troy Griffith and Joyce Arthur, Victim Advocate Veronica Vaughan, and John Marsh from the Criminal Investigations Unit. Lastly, he commended Assistant United States Attorney Cassidy Kesler Pinegar, who investigated and prosecuted the case.

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