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**“Oneluckyguy79” SENTENCED TO 15 MONTHS
FOR ATTEMPTING TO TRANSMIT OBSCENITY TO A MINOR**

Joseph Starkey, age 31, of Newark, Delaware, was sentenced yesterday to 15 months in prison for attempting to transfer obscene images of himself to a minor, in violation of federal law. Starkey also was sentenced to three years of supervised release following his prison term. He also will be required to register as a sex offender in any jurisdiction in which he lives, works, or attends school. United States Attorney Charles M. Oberly, III made the announcement after the sentencing hearing before United States District Judge Sue L. Robinson.

In April 2010, Starkey came to the attention of a Special Agent of the Pennsylvania Attorney General’s Child Predator Unit, who was posing online as a 13-year-old girl. Using the screen name “oneluckyguy79,” Starkey engaged the fictitious minor in a number of video chats during which Starkey repeatedly masturbated via a web camera. During the chats, Starkey attempted to persuade the fictitious minor to send him nude pictures. Starkey also offered to purchase a web camera for the fictitious minor and offered tips on how to hide a web camera from her parents. Starkey has been detained since his August 19, 2010 arrest.

United States Attorney Charles M. Oberly, III stated, “Mr. Starkey sought to exploit a minor girl through his own exhibitionism. His criminal conduct illustrates one of the many forms that the online sexual exploitation of children can take. Irrespective of the method, the online sexual exploitation of children will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of federal law.”

This case was investigated by U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations and the Pennsylvania Child Predator Unit. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Edward J. McAndrew.
