

## **FACT SHEET**

### **U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey** **Prosecution of Child Exploitation Cases Fiscal Year 2010 To Date**

#### **(Selected Cases)**

#### **U.S. v. Arnold, Edmund**

On July 23, 2010, Edmund Arnold, of Burlington County, New Jersey, pleaded guilty to possession of child pornography, admitting he had more than 600 criminal images. On March 20, 2009, law enforcement officers seized Arnold's computer hard drive, which contained images of child pornography, from a local computer repair shop. The images and videos found on the drive included multiple depictions of prepubescent minors and portrayals of sadistic conduct and other depictions of violence to children.

*(Press release: July 23, 2010)*

#### **U.S. v. Abney, Everett**

On July 14, 2010, former Edison, New Jersey, Little League coach Everett Abney pleaded guilty to possession of child pornography. Abney was a coach for Edison's Midtown National Little League at the time federal agents interviewed him at his home on February 4, 2009. During a review of Abney's computer subsequent to the interview, law enforcement officers found several hundred images of child pornography, including multiple depictions of prepubescent minors.

*(Press release: July 14, 2010)*

#### **U.S. v. Artfitch, James**

On July 7, 2010, James Artfitch, a Somerset County, New Jersey, Vehicle Maintenance Department mechanic, pleaded guilty to possession of child pornography, admitting he had more than 600 criminal images. On April 7, 2009, law enforcement officers seized a computer hard drive from Artfitch's residence, which contained images of child pornography – including multiple images of prepubescent minors.

*(Press release: July 7, 2010)*

#### **U.S. v. Murphy, William C.**

On June 16, 2010, William C. Murphy – a Wanaque, New Jersey man employed as a school bus driver from approximately 1999 until the time of his arrest – was sentenced to three years in prison and five years of supervised release for possession of child pornography. Murphy pleaded guilty on October 5, 2009, to downloading approximately 241 images and approximately 150 videos containing child pornography from the Internet. The images portrayed individuals less than 18 years old engaged in sexually explicit conduct, including numerous minors under the age of 12. Murphy was originally arrested on March 27, 2009.

*(Press releases: June 16, 2010 and October 5, 2009)*

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**U.S. v. Scull, Ronald**

On June 14, 2010, former Roselle Park, New Jersey, police sergeant Ronald Scull pleaded guilty to possession of child pornography, admitting he had acquired approximately 1,000 criminal images, including multiple images of prepubescent minors. Scull admitted to regularly searching the Internet for images of child pornography using sexually suggestive terms and saving those images to his computer hard drives for his sexual gratification. Scull was originally charged on February 16, 2010, by Complaint, at which time law enforcement officers seized several computer hard drives, which were subsequently forensically examined – revealing images of child pornography from the Internet, including images depicting children as young as 10.

*(Press releases: June 14, 2010 and February 16, 2010)*

**U.S. v. Corbett, Evan C.**

On May 26, 2010, Evan C. Corbett, of Marlton, New Jersey, pleaded guilty to offering and advertising child pornography for distribution over the Internet, admitting that from approximately July 2008 to May 2009, he shared child pornography over the Internet using peer-to-peer file sharing programs. Corbett was arrested in August 2009. He admitted that he both downloaded child pornography to his own computers and permitted others around the world to download child pornography from his computer. The files were identified by file names which explicitly advertised their content. Corbett was found to possess over 22,180 images of child pornography.

*(Press release: May 26, 2010)*

**U.S. v. Salas, Jorge L.**

On May 10, 2010, Jorge L. Salas, of Clifton, New Jersey, was sentenced to 90 months in prison and 10 years of supervised release for possession of child pornography after being caught looking at criminal images in a public library. Salas pleaded guilty in November 2009. He admitted that on October 28, 2008, he viewed and downloaded child pornography onto flash drives from two computers in the library at the Passaic County Community College. He was arrested, with three flash drives in his possession, when he returned to the library on November 12, 2008. Salas admitted that he had approximately 215 videos and 5,000 images containing child pornography from the Internet, and that the videos and images portrayed individuals less than 18 years of age engaged in sexually explicit conduct, including numerous minors under the age of 12.

*(Press release: May 10, 2010)*

**U.S. v. Timm, Carl**

On May 5, 2010, Carl Timm, of Bridgeton, New Jersey, was arrested for distributing child pornography over the Internet. In January 2010, Timm allegedly distributed child pornography via peer-to-peer file sharing software to an undercover officer. A court-authorized search warrant led to the seizure of additional child pornography from Timm's residence, including a tape of Timm fondling a pre-pubescent girl.

*(Press release: May 5, 2010)*

### **U.S. v. Wrenshall, John**

On May 5, 2010, John Wrenshall, a Canadian citizen, pleaded guilty to inviting sex tourists to travel to his home in Thailand in order to abuse young boys. Wrenshall pleaded guilty to three counts of the Indictment against him: conspiracy to engage in sex tourism, conspiracy to produce child pornography, and distribution of child pornography. Wrenshall admitted that from at least as early as January 2000, he arranged trips to his home during which U.S. citizens and others paid him to engage in anal sex, oral sex, and other sexual acts with Thai boys, some as young as four years old. Wrenshall's customers were allowed to videotape and photograph their abuse. Wrenshall also personally victimized the boys in order to "train" them for his paying customers.

Wrenshall was indicted by a federal grand jury in New Jersey on August 2008 after authorities learned that New Jersey resident Wayne Nelson Corliss had traveled to Wrenshall's home to engage in illegal sexual acts with minor boys. Wrenshall was arrested at London's Heathrow Airport on December 15, 2008 and extradited to the United States on July 20, 2009.

Corliss, formerly of Union City, New Jersey, was the first of Wrenshall's clients identified by law enforcement officers. In May 2008, Interpol released a sanitized photograph of a man sexually abusing young Thai boys to media outlets in the United States and abroad, and made a global appeal for information that could identify the offender depicted in the photo. Within 48 hours, Corliss was located and arrested at his home.

Three of Wrenshall's U.S. clients – Wayne Nelson Corliss, Burgess Lee Burgess, and Mitchell Kent Jackson – have already pleaded guilty and been sentenced on sex tourism and related charges. On November 16, 2009, Corliss was sentenced in the District of New Jersey to 20 years in prison. The United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey referred Burgess and Jackson to the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Southern District of Alabama for prosecution. Each were sentenced to 78 months in prison.

*(Press releases: May 5, 2010; November 16, 2009; July 20, 2009; December 15, 2008; and October 28, 2008)*

### **U.S. v. Katz, Benjamin I.**

On April 27, 2010, Benjamin I. Katz, of Somerville, New Jersey, was sentenced to 78 months in prison and five years of supervised release for possession of child pornography. Katz pleaded guilty in September 2009. At his plea hearing, Katz admitted that he downloaded approximately 1,383 images containing child pornography from the Internet, and that the images portrayed individuals less than 18 years of age engaged in sexually explicit conduct. The images also portrayed numerous minors under the age of 12.

*(Press release: April 27, 2010)*

### **U.S. v. Baryla, Steven T.**

On April 21, 2010, Steven T. Baryla, a Toms River, New Jersey man who ran a private military academy for youths, was arrested on charges related to his alleged possession and transportation of child pornography over the Internet. The Indictment alleges that in June 2009, Baryla

transported and possessed images of child pornography while serving as the president of the Cedar Bridge Military Academy in Toms River, which was a private non-profit organization that served youths interested in military-style training.

*(Press release: April 21, 2010)*

### **U.S. v. Gandy, Gary**

On April 13, 2010, Gary Gandy, of Millville, New Jersey, was sentenced to 120 months in prison for distribution of child pornography. Gandy plead guilty on December 18, 2009, admitting that from November 2008 through March 31, 2009, he used LimeWire, peer-to-peer file-sharing software, to receive and distribute images of child pornography, among other means.

Specifically, on November 25, 2008, an undercover officer using the LimeWire software was able to download eight images of child pornography that Gandy made available for distribution from his home computer. Gandy also admitted that he possessed images and videos of child pornography on his computer and multiple computer disks, and that the computer disks seized from his residence contained over 600 images and videos of child pornography – including videos of girls as young as 2 being sexually assaulted by an adult.

*(Press releases: April 13, 2010 and December 18, 2009)*

### **U.S. v. Duprey, Eric**

On February 16, 2010, Eric Duprey, of West New York, New Jersey, pleaded guilty to federal charges for traveling from New Jersey to Illinois to have sexual relations with a 13-year-old Illinois victim. Duprey was originally charged on April 22, 2009, with one count of traveling interstate to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a minor and one count of possession of child pornography. Duprey admitted that he spent several months chatting over the Internet with a victim who, he believed to be 15 years old. Duprey admitted to traveling from New Jersey to Illinois twice, once in February 2009 and a second time in April 2009. On both occasions, Duprey and his victim spent several days in an Illinois hotel, where Duprey repeatedly sexually abused his victim and took multiple photographs of the abuse.

*(Press release: February 16, 2010)*

### **U.S. v. Carlino, Robert Kevin**

On December 7, 2009, Robert Kevin Carlino, of Newfield, New Jersey, was sentenced to 60 months in federal prison and 10 years of supervised release for possessing child pornography. Carlino, originally arrested on March 27, 2009, was a youth minister at the Malaga Assembly of God Church in Malaga, New Jersey from 2007 until the time of his arrest. On August 12, 2009, Carlino pleaded guilty to downloading images of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct from e-mails sent to him by others and from various Internet sites. Carlino accessed an invitation-only Internet forum with links to various incest chat rooms used primarily to share and comment on child pornography. Carlino then downloaded a folder that contained a total of 134 images of child pornography involving the same prepubescent female, who is a known victim (a child who has been identified by law enforcement officers and entered into the National Center of Missing and Exploited Children database), and who was known to be approximately 9 years old at the time the images were taken.

*(Press releases: February 16, 2010; December 7, 2009 and August 12, 2009)*

**U.S. v. Gordon, Javon**

On October 20, 2009, Javon Gordon, an alleged Atlantic City pimp from Vineland, New Jersey, was arraigned on a superseding Indictment that charging him with operating a child exploitation enterprise that engaged in sex trafficking of children, sexual exploitation of children, distribution of child pornography, transportation of minors to engage in prostitution, aggravated assault, and kidnapping. According to the Indictment, Gordon organized and managed a prostitution ring that operated from at least as early as September 2007 through July 2008 in Atlantic City and various other U.S. cities, including Washington, D.C. and Boston. The Indictment alleges that Gordon used the Internet to recruit minor girls and adult females in the Atlantic City area to work for him as prostitutes. Gordon allegedly used a digital camera to take naked, partially-naked and sexually suggestive pictures of the minor girls and adult females and then posted the images on various websites, such as Craigslist and others, in an effort to advertise the prostitution services.

*(Press release: October 20, 2009)*

As for the defendants with pending cases, the charges and allegations against them are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.