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## **Mt. Sterling Man Sentenced to 360 Months for Production of Child Pornography**

**LEXINGTON, Ky.** – A Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, man, James E. Woosley, 49, who previously admitted to coercing a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing child pornography, was sentenced Friday to 360 months in prison by Chief U.S. District Court Judge Danny C. Reeves.

Woosley previously admitted that, in May 2018, he produced images of child pornography, and he admitted that he used KIK and Drop Box to receive and distribute child pornography images, including some images that he produced of a minor relative. According to his plea agreement, Woosley used a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of that conduct, and he knew or had reason to know that the visual depiction would be transmitted using any means or facility of interstate commerce.

Woosley pleaded guilty in May 2019.

Under federal law, Woosley must serve 85 percent of his prison sentence and will be under the supervision of the U.S. Probation Office for 15 years after his release from prison.

Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; Jerry Templet, Special Agent in Charge, Department of Homeland Security-Homeland Security Investigations Nashville; and Rodney Brewer, Commissioner, Kentucky State Police, jointly announced the sentence.

The investigation was conducted by HSI and the Kentucky State Police Electronic Crimes Branch. The United States was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Marye.

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