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5 Year Sentence for Possession of Child Pornography

Kendall County State's Attorney Eric Weis announced that Derek Jones, (dob: 3/6/1988, 58 Hillstone Road, Apt 17) of Montgomery, Illinois was sentenced to 5 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections by the Honorable Robert Pilmer for Unlawful Possession of Child Pornography, a class 2 felony, as part of an agreed sentence today.

The charges against Jones stemmed from an investigation that began in June of 2019, when detectives with the Kendall County Sheriff's Office received a tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The Center identifies those individuals downloading known images of child pornography or distributing child pornography. Based on further investigation, a search warrant was obtained and executed on Jones' residence in December of 2019. With the assistance of the Illinois Attorney General's High Tech Crime Bureau, an extensive search was conducted on multiple electronic devices found inside the residence. As a result of the investigation, Jones was charged with possession of child pornography for images of children under thirteen.

Weis commended the cooperative efforts of the Sheriff's Office and the High Tech Crime Bureau in bringing another child pornographer justice. "It's fantastic when agencies can work together on a common goal, especially one that's as important as protecting children. These cases involve many hours of investigative work making them difficult to solve. I am pleased to see Kendall County is proactive in investigating these cases."

Jones will have to register as a child sex offender upon release from the Illinois Department of Corrections. Due to his conviction, Jones will be restricted as where he resides and locations where children frequent, such as parks and schools. This matter was prosecuted by Assistant State's Attorney Frank S. Gorup, and the defendant was represented by Victoria Chuffo, the Kendall County Public Defender.