

57-year old Wareham man sentenced for possession of Child Pornography

A Wareham man was sentenced yesterday in federal court in Boston for possessing child pornography.

David St. Jacques, 57, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Patti B. Saris to 10 years in prison and five years of supervised release. On April 15, 2021, St. Jacques pleaded guilty to one count of possession of child pornography.

In September 2020, a search of St. Jacques's residence resulted in the seizure of a computer, three phones and one thumb drive that contained child pornography. St. Jacques destroyed at least two other drives and attempted to destroy one of his phones when agents arrived to execute the search warrant. St. Jacques also admitted to exchanging child pornography with other individuals on various chatting applications.

St. Jacques was convicted in March 2009 in Plymouth County Superior Court of several counts of dissemination and possession of child pornography.

Acting United States Attorney Nathaniel R. Mendell and Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Division made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorney Anne Paruti, Chief of Mendell's Major Crimes Unit, prosecuted the case.

The case is brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In 2006, the Department of Justice created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the DOJ's Child Exploitation and

Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.