

# Attleboro Man Sentenced for Child Pornography Offenses

An Attleboro man was sentenced today for receipt and possession of child pornography.

Garry Bienvenue, 59, of Attleboro, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge F. Dennis Saylor to 10 years and one month in prison and five years of supervised release. On March 10, 2021, Bienvenue pleaded guilty to one count of receipt of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography involving a prepubescent minor and a minor who had not attained 12 years of age.

Law enforcement learned that an internet user at Bienvenue's Attleboro home had solicited and received child pornography from children over the internet using the Snapchat messaging application, including through the video chat feature. A search of the home resulted in the seizure of Bienvenue's smartphone, which was found to contain child pornography videos that had been received through Snapchat, including one depicting the rape of a child as young as 3-5 years old. The investigation also revealed that Bienvenue had used a phone application to solicit and pay individuals in the Philippines to force children to participate in naked video chats with him and watch him engage in sexual conduct.

Acting United States Attorney Nathaniel R. Mendell; Matthew B. Millhollin, Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in Boston; Colonel Christopher Mason, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police; and Attleboro Police Chief Kyle P. Heagney made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorney Elianna Nuzum of Mendell's Major Crimes Unit prosecuted the case.

The case was 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/](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov/).