

Former Foxborough teacher pleads guilty to child pornography offense

"A former teacher at Foxborough High School pleaded guilty yesterday in federal court in Boston to possession of child pornography and receiving child pornography over the internet.

Thomas Davis, 42, of Mansfield, pleaded guilty to one count of possession and receipt of child pornography. U.S. District Court Judge F. Dennis Saylor IV scheduled sentencing for May 18, 2023. Davis was arrested and charged by criminal complaint on Aug. 26, 2021.

On Aug. 26, 2021, a search warrant was executed at Davis' residence and a laptop belonging to Davis was seized. An on-site examination revealed approximately 40 images of child pornography on the laptop, including images involving prepubescent minors under the age of 12-years-old. A forensic analysis of Davis' laptop revealed additional child pornography.

The charge of receipt of child pornography provides for a sentence of at least five years and up to 20 years in prison, at least five years and up to a lifetime of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. The charge of possession of child pornography provides for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, at least five years and up to a lifetime of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

United States Attorney Rachael S. Rollins and Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Division made the announcement. Valuable assistance was provided by the Mansfield Police Department.

Assistant U.S. Attorney David G. Tobin of Rollins' Major Crimes Unit is prosecuting the case.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse, launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. 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 <https://www.justice.gov/psc>." -Massachusetts Department of Justice.