

Massachusetts Man Sentenced to Prison After Pleading Guilty to Child Pornography Charges

A Massachusetts man was sentenced Friday to eight years in prison to be followed by 15 years of supervised release for child pornography charges, announced Assistant Attorney General Brian A. Benczkowski of the Justice Department's Criminal Division and U.S. Attorney Andrew E. Lelling of the District of Massachusetts.

Bruce Singer, 72, of Southamptton, Massachusetts, pleaded guilty in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts in Springfield to five counts of distribution of child pornography, one count of receipt of child pornography, and one count of possession of child pornography.

According to admissions made in connection with his plea agreement, on various occasions between April 30, 2013, and June 25, 2015, Singer sent and received child pornography by text and email. Singer engaged in the exchange of child pornography with two other people, including James Smith, a man who was convicted in 2017 in District Court in Springfield, Massachusetts, for distributing, transporting, receiving and possessing child pornography. At the time police searched his home in 2015, Singer possessed hundreds of images of child pornography on various electronic devices, including images of several known child victims.

This case was investigated by the FBI, Northampton Police Department, the Easthampton Police Department and the Massachusetts State Police. Trial Attorney Leslie Williams Fisher of the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and

Obscenity Section (CEOS) and Assistant U.S. Attorney Alex J. Grant of the District of Massachusetts prosecuted the case.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by U.S. Attorney's Offices and CEOS, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.