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Maine Prosecutor to Serve 16 Years for Kiddie Porn

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(CN) - A former assistant attorney general in Maine was sentenced to 16 years in prison Thursday after being convicted on more than a dozen child pornography charges.

The chief federal judge in Bangor also sentenced James M. Cameron, Esq., to serve 10 years of supervised release when his 16-year sentence is up.

Before Cameron was indicted in February 2009, he was one of the top prosecutors for drug crimes in the Maine Attorney General's Office.

The U.S. Attorney's Office said they caught Cameron breaking child pornography laws over a 17-month period between July 2006 and December 2007. Cameron was convicted of using his home computer to upload child pornography images and videos to Yahoo photo albums. When Cameron went on trips and family vacations, he used a laptop to transmit child pornography over Google Hello, a free chat and file sharing computer program, prosecutors said. Cameron also received e-mails containing child pornography and kept the images on his home computers.

Chief U.S. District Judge John Woodcock, who handed down the sentence on Thursday, convicted the 48-year-old on August 23, 2010 of 13 counts of transporting, receiving and possessing child pornography.

Federal prosecutors say the judge learned that Cameron's offenses involved nearly 600 pornographic images of prepubescent children. Some of the images portrayed "sadistic and other violent conduct," according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

The office went on to say that Cameron showed that he "did not accept responsibility for his conduct by waiting to admit his guilt until after he was convicted."

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