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Former Police Officer Sentenced To 25 Years In Prison

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URBANA, IL- A former Decatur Police Officer will now spend the next 25 years in federal prison.

Chief U.S. District Judge Michael McCuskey sentenced Matthew Aukamp, 44, to 25 years in prison for the production and possession of child pornography. Aukamp will remain under supervised release for the rest of his life following his release from prison.

Aukamp, who lived in Macon, was arrested last April after a grand jury returned an indictment charging him with one count of producing and two counts of possessing images of child pornography. Aukamp has been in custody since his arrest.

After being arrested, Aukamp told police that from October 2004 until March 2008 he coerced minors to engage in sexually explicit acts from which he produced child porn.

This case was part of a larger initiative to combat child pornography, called Project Safe Childhood.

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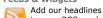
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