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Disturbing details emerge in former federal official's child pornography case

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Rampantlion1314 was Osborn, 40, who not only had worked as a school bus driver, but as a substitute teacher and had been involved with a youth organization for girls, according to federal authorities in Delaware. Osborn, of New Castle, Del., told federal agents that he left the youth group after he was accused of being "a pervert," according to court records.

Police reports indicate he also had been investigating for sexually harassing a 14-year-old girl on Facebook.

The cybertip that alerted authorities to Mangione eventually led them to Osborn, court records show. In a May 2011 search of the home Osborn shared with his mother, federal authorities found his library of child pornography images and his chat transcripts, records show.

In a transcript with one of Mangione's screen names, oldrmom111, "[Osborn] assumes the role of a 'teacher,' instructing 'oldrmom111' on how to induce her children into increasing hardcore sex acts," wrote Assistant U.S. Attorney Edward J. McAndrew.

The transcript is too sexually graphic to describe, but it's clear that Mangione and Osborn had chatted before with Mangione beginning the conversation with "Haven't seen you in awhile."

In a second chat between Osborn and Mangione, as BookStoreMomNC, the two are exchanging images, offering a running commentary on them. BookStoreMomNC pretended to be waiting for her daughters to return from Girl Scouts and Brownies.

"Here's a very very harsh one," Osborn wrote as he sent an image.

"Here's a nice color to start," Mangione wrote as he sent an image.

"I have a before of her but dont (sic) know where," Osborn wrote.

"Wow, that is harsh," Mangione responded.

Osborn pleaded guilty in March in Delaware federal court to a single count of child pornography, a charge that carries a mandatory five years in prison and up to 20 years. As part of his plea deal, he agreed to cooperate with federal authorities. His sentencing date has not been set.

Mangione's plea deal established that he had sent child pornography to Osborn at least since March 2010, meaning the two had interacted for more than six months.

A Broward Sheriff's Office search warrant shows Mangione had used at least 10 different screen names while online. Piecing together his Internet activity using those screen names, authorities charted his Internet activity for one Tuesday in September 2010.

He logged on four times between 2 and 3 a.m., four times between 4:30 and 4:36 a.m., once at 6:49 a.m., six times between 1:15 and 2 p.m. and three times near 11 p.m., according to the search warrant.

Prosecutors from the U.S. Department of Justice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section have offered no hints on how long they will ask for Mangione to be locked up. First-time sex offenders who have pleaded guilty to the same charge as Mangione in Fort Lauderdale federal court have on average

received 10-year prison sentences, the Sun Sentinel found.

When he pleaded guilty in July, the U.S. Department of Justice issued a press release calling Mangione "a Florida man." His case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative against child exploitation that Mangione once touted.

"While we cannot restore innocence to those who were abused and exploited, we can make sure that justice is served," he said in a press release about a 2007 child pornography case.

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