

Former Virginia police officer sentenced to 20 years for child porn

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2011 Cop Pedophile William Hurlbut

A former police officer was sentenced Friday in federal court to 20 years in prison for producing child pornography after he admitted using his iPhone to film sex acts with an 8-year-old boy when the child was sleeping or unconscious.

William Hurlbut, 29, of Fredericksburg, befriended the child's family and has known the boy since infancy, said Neil H. MacBride, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia in Alexandria.

Hurlbut is a former police officer for Aquia Harbour and had used the department's Internet connection to share child pornography, according to court records. The state-certified department serves a gated community in Stafford County.

The file sharing attracted the attention of investigators in June 2010, court documents show, and a later search of Hurlbut's home uncovered more than 1,000 images and more than 1,000 videos of child pornography including those with the 8-year-old boy, according to court papers.

Hurlbut was later fired from the police department for an unrelated issue, court filings state.

Hurlbut pleaded guilty in June 2011 to producing child pornography.

In court records, prosecutors in the case described Hurlbut as a man who "appears to have been attracted to single mothers with boys who were about eight to ten years of age. Hurlbut does not appear to have had a romantic or sexual interest in the mothers but instead lavished his attention on the women's sons."

The case was investigated by a team from the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations, the Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office, and the Northern Virginia/District of Columbia Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.