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FORMER SABINAL POLICE OFFICER SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Former Sabinal (TX) police officer Jason Lee Villasana will serve 15 years in federal prison followed by ten years of supervised release after pleading guilty to distributing child pornography announced United States Attorney Robert Pitman and Federal Bureau of Investigation Acting Special Agent in Charge Aaron C. Rouse, San Antonio Division.

On August 21, 2013, Villasana, age 36, pleaded guilty to one count of distribution of child pornography.

According to court records, from May 2011 until November 15, 2012, Villasana received, stored and sent images and videos of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. On November 15, 2012, FBI agents and investigators from the Texas Attorney General's Law Enforcement Division executed a search warrant at the defendant's residence and seized various electronic media belonging to the defendant. A subsequent forensics examination of the seized items revealed the presence of approximately 250 images, seven videos and 64 thumbnail images of child pornography.

Villasana has remained in federal custody since his arrest on December 18, 2012. The sentence was handed down yesterday afternoon in Del Rio by U.S. District Judge David A. Ezra.

This matter was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation together with the Texas Attorney General's Law Enforcement Division and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). Assistant United States Attorneys Meghan M. McCalla and Matthew Watters prosecuted this case on behalf of the Government.

"This investigation was the result of joint efforts between HSI, FBI and the Sabinal Police Department. This 18 year sentence sends a clear message that those who exploit children in any way will face serious consequences," said Special Agent in Charge, Janice Ayala, HSI San Antonio. "Preventing and investigating crimes against children is a high priority for HSI. We will continue to dedicate law enforcement resources to identify and bring to justice child predators who traumatize and victimize children."

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