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Former cop gets prison in child porn case

Former Scottsbluff Police officer Tyler Reinbold was sentenced this afternoon (Friday) to five to ten years in prison on ten counts of possessing child pornography.

Judge Randall Lipstreu sentenced Reinbold to serve 30 to 60 months in prison on each of 8 counts to be served concurrently, and 30 to 60 months on 2 other counts to be served concurrent, but consecutive to the first sentence. The reason for the split sentence was that counts 1 through 6 and 9 and 10 were on one hard drive, and counts 7 and 8 were on a different hard drive.

During the sentencing hearing, Deputy County Attorney Scott Blaha argued that Reinbold deserved to serve time in prison because each of the children in those pictures and videos were victimized every time they were viewed.

Defense Attorney Sterling Huff maintained that Reinbold should receive intense supervised probation or possibly the Work Ethics Camp in McCook because of his good work record, lack of a criminal record, and the fact that Reinbold is an Iraq war veteran, suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

The child pornography was on hard drives in a box in the basement of a house he shared with family members. The relatives alerted investigators of the suspected child pornography and led investigators to the hard drives after interviews.

Reinbold's attorney Sterling Huff contended during the trial that his client possessed the four videos and six images as part of an investigation he was doing regarding a friend

Scotts Bluff County Attorney Doug Warner said there was no evidence the images and video found on the hard drives or on the computer in Reinbold's room were part of any ongoing investigation. He also said Reinbold's superiors, including Captain Kevin Spencer, were not aware of such an investigation.



Tyler Reinbold led to sentencing



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