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Man resigned from Clark County department after his arrest.

A former Clark County Sheriff's deputy was sentenced to 25 years in prison on Thursday for producing, distributing and possessing child pornography.

Dustin Hensley, 30, of Springfield, was sentenced Thursday by U.S. District Judge Timothy S. Black.

Hensley will be sentenced Friday morning on two counts of sexual battery, according to Clark County Prosecutor Andy Wilson.

"We feel that this is a sentence that provides some measure of justice to the victim in the case," Wilson said.

According to court documents, Hensley produced a sexually explicit video involving a minor earlier this year. He also distributed or attempted to distribute one or more visual depictions of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct and knowingly possessed images of child pornography, according to a release from U.S. Attorney Carter M. Stewart of the Southern District of Ohio.

Hensley pleaded guilty on Nov. 7 to federal charges, including one count each of production of child pornography, distribution of child pornography and possession of child pornography.

Hensley was arrested on July 16 after his Moorefield Twp. home was searched by agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in a joint operation with Clark County Sheriff's deputies, according to local law enforcement officials.

Hensley began with the sheriff's office in July 2001 as a dispatcher and became a uniformed patrol officer in 2005 after working for a time in the jail.

The case was brought forth as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative by the U.S. Dept. of Justice designed to battle child sexual exploitation and abuse.

The FBI, Clark County Sheriff's Office, Prosecutor Wilson, the Franklin County Internet Crimes against Children Task Force all participated in the investigation.

U.S. Attorney Alex Sistla and Assistant Clark County Prosecutor Amy Smith worked together to prosecute Hensley on state and federal charges.

“We were able to work together as a team,” Wilson said.

Hensley was also sentenced to 10 years of supervised release to be served after his prison term. He must also register as a sex offender.

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