Former Onslow County Sheriff's deputy sentenced for child porn possession

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2015 Cop Pedophile child porn John James Thomas



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A former Onslow County Sheriff's deputy has been sentenced to 78 months in prison for manufacturing child porn.

U.S. District Judge James C. Fox sentenced Jon James Thomas, 46, of Jacksonville to both prison and a lifetime of supervised release. He's also register as a sex offender.

In a press release from the U.S.

Department of Justice, Thomas was named in an indictment filed on October 15, 2015. On January 4, 2016, Thomas pleaded guilty to one count of manufacturing child porn.

An investigation in 2015 led investigators with the N.C. State Bureau of Investigation to Thomas and his computer. It was later determined he was a sheriff's deputy in Onslow County.

Forensic examination of the defendant's computer revealed at least 600 images and 1,040 videos which depicted child porn. Furthermore, forensics recovered 112 deleted images from the defendant's computer.

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