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ERIC E. DEUTSCH, MURPHYSBORO, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that on May 10, 2019, Eric E. Deutsch, 72, of Murphysboro, Illinois, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of Child Pornography.

On October 16, 2017, the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force received a report from Yahoo Inc. of a user sharing an image of child pornography on its platform. The investigation stemming from that report led law enforcement officers to an IP address associated with Deutsch's residence in Murphysboro, Illinois. On November 16, 2017, law enforcement executed a search warrant at Deutsch's residence and seized multiple computers and computer peripherals. Local law enforcement officials conducted a forensic analysis of those computers and peripherals and found images and videos of child pornography on many of them.

On February 11, 2019, Deutsch entered an open plea of guilty to one count of Child Pornography, a Class 2 Felony. On May 10, 2019, Deutsch was sentenced to serve four and one-half (4½) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, followed by three (3) years to life Mandatory Supervised Release. Deutsch will be a registered sex offender for the rest of his life.

The investigation was conducted by the Murphysboro Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Jayson Clark was responsible for the prosecution.