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LA CROSSE MAN SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

MADISON, WIS. – Scott C. Blader, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Kyle Olson, 33, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge William Conley to four years in federal prison for possessing child pornography. This term of imprisonment is to be followed by 25 years of supervised release. Olson pleaded guilty to this charge on February 22, 2019.

On July 18, 2018, law enforcement officers executed a search warrant at the defendant's home in La Crosse and seized numerous electronic items, which were later found to contain child pornography.

The defendant was previously convicted of possessing child pornography in 2012, while he was in the military. In sentencing the defendant, Judge Conley noted that Olson engaged in a "secret life of collecting and trading online child pornography" and was concerned Olson had begun engaging in online conversations with minors.

The charge against Olson was the result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the La Crosse area Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the La Crosse County Sheriff's Department, and the West Salem, Onalaska, Holmen, Town of Campbell, and La Crosse Police Departments. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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