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**Green Bay Man Sentenced for Distribution of Child Pornography**

Acting United States Attorney Richard G. Frohling of the Eastern District of Wisconsin announced that on December 3, 2021, Dakota P. Van Frachen (age: 26) of Green Bay, Wisconsin, was sentenced to 60 months in federal prison by Senior United States District Judge William C. Griesbach.

Van Frachen possessed and distributed numerous digital images and videos of child pornography. Van Frachen's indictment and subsequent conviction were the result of a referral from a similar investigation in the District of New Jersey.

In handing down the sentence, Judge Griesbach noted the serious nature of the charge, the effect these crimes have on their victims, and the need for just punishment. Following his release from prison, Van Frachen will spend five years on supervised release. Van Frachen was also ordered to pay a \$5,000 special assessment. He will be required to register as a sexual offender.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Green Bay and Newark Offices. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel R. Humble.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006, by the U.S. Department of Justice. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

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