

Revere Man Pleads Guilty to Child Pornography Charge

A Revere man pleaded guilty today in federal court in Boston to possessing child pornography.

Ian Silver-Eck, 22, pleaded guilty to one count of possession of child pornography. U.S. District Court Judge George A. O'Toole Jr. scheduled sentencing for Jan. 17, 2019. In August 2017, Silver-Eck was charged by criminal complaint and arrested. He has been in federal custody since that time.

Undercover agents using Kik Messenger, a text messaging app, exchanged text messages with Silver-Eck about sexual experiences with children. Throughout their text conversations, Silver-Eck solicited images and video of the agent sexually abusing his fictitious children and Silver-Eck sent sexually explicit pictures of prepubescent boys, one of whom appeared to be as young as six-years-old, to the undercover agent.

When law enforcement officers executed a federal search warrant at Silver-Eck's home in Revere, they found various images and videos on Silver-Eck's phone depicting the sexual abuse of children. At the time of his arrest, Silver-Eck was serving a sentence of five years of probation following a March 2017 state court conviction for possessing child pornography.

The charge of possession of child pornography provides for a sentence of no greater than 20 years in prison, a minimum of five years and up to a lifetime supervised release, and a fine of \$250,000. Due to his prior conviction, Silver-Eck faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in prison. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling and Harold H. Shaw, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Field Division, made the announcement today. Valuable assistance was provided by the Boston, Arlington, Newton, and Revere Police Departments. Assistant U.S. Attorney Anne Paruti, Lelling's Project Safe Childhood Coordinator and a member of the Major Crimes Unit, is prosecuting the case.

The case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In 2006, the Department of Justice created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from exploitation and abuse. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the DOJ's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.