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Meridian Man Pleads Guilty to Producing Child Pornography

BOISE – Donn Michael Casper, 39, of Meridian, Idaho, pled guilty in U.S. District Court this morning to four counts of sexual exploitation of children/production of sexually explicit images of minors, U.S. Attorney Wendy J. Olson announced. In a written plea agreement, Casper admitted surreptitiously producing sexually explicit videos of four underage males using hidden cameras at his home between August 2008 and June 2011.

According to court documents, the investigation began when Canadian police and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service began a joint investigation into the worldwide commercial distribution of child pornography via U.S. Mail and the Internet. During the investigation, Canadian investigators uncovered information that a suspect in Toronto was receiving child pornography from a computer traced to Casper's home in Meridian. On June 29, 2011, federal investigators and local law enforcement executed a search warrant at Casper's home and seized electronic media and optical discs containing videos depicting sexually explicit images of minors. Further investigation led to the identification of four local victims.

Sentencing is set for February 6, 2012, before U.S. District Judge Edward J. Lodge. On each count, Casper is facing a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 15 years up to 30 years, a maximum fine of \$250,000, and a minimum of five years up to lifetime supervised release.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service in conjunction with the Toronto (Canada) Police Service, the Idaho Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC), and the Meridian Police Department.

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