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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL ANNOUNCES DEKALB COUNTY MAN SENTENCED FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Chicago — Attorney General Kwame Raoul today announced a DeKalb County man was sentenced to 25 years in prison for possessing child pornography

Brenton Strobert, 28, of DeKalb, Illinois, was sentenced by DeKalb County Circuit Court Judge Robbin J. Stuckert after pleading guilty to five Class 2 felony counts of child pornography. Strobert also will be required to register as a sex offender.

"Child pornography exploits children in unimaginable ways and leaves victims and their families with lifelong scars," Raoul said. "I appreciate the support of the DeKalb County State's Attorney's office and will continue to partner with state's attorneys and local law enforcement to protect communities from offenders who commit these horrific crimes."

Prosecutors alleged that Strobert possessed child pornography involving a victim under the age of 13, which he uploaded to Tumblr. Strobert was arrested Oct. 9, 2019, after investigators from Raoul's office and the DeKalb Police Department executed a search warrant at Strobert's DeKalb home and discovered evidence of child pornography. Strobert was previously convicted of child pornography in 2015.

The Attorney General's office prosecuted the case with assistance from DeKalb County State's Attorney Rick Amato's office. Separately, Amato's office charged Strobert with unlawful use of weapons after the 2019 search found he was in possession of explosives. Strobert pleaded guilty to that charge today and was sentenced to five years in prison to be served concurrently to his other sentence.

"My thanks to Attorney General Raoul and his staff for their assistance in prosecuting child pornography cases," Amato said. "Clearly the defendant is an extremely dangerous person not only to our community but to children everywhere. Child pornography is not a victimless crime. Each time child sex abuse material is viewed, the child is victimized again. We will continue to aggressively prosecute these cases to ensure justice for the victims of this disgusting and unconscionable crime."

"This is a great example of federal and local law enforcement agencies working together to make our communities safer," said DeKalb Police Department Commander Bob Redel. "This sentence ensures that Brenton Strobert is held accountable for his crimes. I hope that this sentence will deter others from uploading, viewing or disseminating child pornography."

Bureau Chief David Haslett handled the case for Raoul's High Tech Crimes Bureau. Assistant State's Attorney Scott Schwertley handled the case for the DeKalb County State's Attorney's office.