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Wrentham man jailed for Possessing child porn

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A Wrentham man pled guilty to 12 indictments of possessing child pornography in Norfolk Superior Court August 7, 2013 and was sentenced to a year and a half incarceration, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

"Edward Bourget admitted to having more than a thousand images and videos of children, some still toddlers, being sexually abused," District Attorney Morrissey said after the plea. "The maximum penalty for the crime is 5 years state prison. We requested a 4 to 5 year sentence, followed by 10 years of probation with sex offender treatment, GPS tracking of his movements, no internet use and no unsupervised contact with children under 18 when he is released."

Morrissey praised the investigation by the Wrentham Police Department, the Department of Homeland Security and the Computer Crimes Unit of the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council, saying "there was a tremendous amount of work necessary to process and develop this much evidence, and Assistant District Attorney Anne Yas did good work bringing this to a successful conclusion."

Judge Kenneth C. Fishman sentenced Bourget, 49, of Blackberry Hill Road in Wrentham, to 2 ½ years in a house of correction, 18 months to serve, followed by 6 years of probation with conditions that he undergo sex offender treatment, be subject to GPS monitoring, submit a DNA sample, possess no adult or child pornography and have no internet access - enforced by a firewall to be monitored by probation.

"Be it possession, creation or distribution, any involvement with child pornography encourages and abets the criminal violation of children and the damaging of young lives," District Attorney Morrissey said. "Society needs to stand against this at every turn. I cannot thank the Wrentham police and their partners enough for their work here."

From September 2011 until January 2012, Bourget used the screen name "MWMfromMA" to communicate with a party he did not know was an undercover U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Task Force agent. That communication began when Bourget answered a posting offering sex with an underage girl in Florida. Probable cause was developed to obtain a search warrant for Bourget's residence stemming from those communications.